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■ BY ROB LIVINGSTONE

FREE tickets are available for this year's hottest new festival, Zoo8.

Organisers are looking for people to volunteer to staff the event's bars at Port Lympne Wild Animal Park during the three-day festival, which starts on Friday, July 4.

The lucky few will be given the chance to see some of the many acts performing at the festival, including Mark Ronson, Dizzee Rascal, Ash, Athlete and The Hives, as well as getting a free meal and two drinks for every shift completed.

Zoo8 director Matt Dice said he was eager to get music-lovers from the area involved.

He said: "You always need a lot of help to put on events of this size and as a Kent festival we really want to get the people of Kent involved."

"I am sure everyone is going to want to say they were at the first-ever Zoo8 and by signing up to the festival volunteer site they will get the opportunity."

Volunteers will work two six- to eight-hour shifts of their choice and can sign up by registering at [www.festivalvolunteer.co.uk](http://www.festivalvolunteer.co.uk).

The website's spokesman, Natalija Stajcic, said: "Volunteering for Zoo8 is a great way to meet new friends and become part of our crew, save some money and enjoy the festival all at the same time."

"We are looking for enthusiastic and motivated volunteer staff to help us."

"You will get all the training you need, you can even pick your shifts and work with your friends, and you will still have plenty of time for the festival."

"Not only that, but if you enjoy it you can carry over your deposit and sign up for more festivals with us over the summer."



### OUR DEEP-ROOTED LOVE FOR PAIGE

Little Kailun Brown helps plant a cherry tree in memory of his tragic sister, Paige. The planting, opposite Hawkinge Primary School, was part of a memorial service for the four-year-old who accidentally hanged herself on New Year's Day. Parents Phil Brown and Lorraine Ford were joined by family and well-wishers as a plaque dedicated to Paige was laid at the site.

Lorraine said: "No words can describe it and my little girl is still gone, but it does help. We have been overwhelmed by the community's reaction. The cherry tree will help keep memories of Paige alive. We would like to thank everyone for their support."

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STOLEN: Sea View From Dymchurch - one of three Richard Collett paintings taken from gallery

## Artist in despair as thieves steal work from top exhibition

■ BY NICK AMES

A PROMISING artist has been left devastated after three of his works were stolen in a night-time raid on a top London gallery.

Richard Collett, from Ashford, was given the chance to exhibit at the Battersea Arts Centre as part of a major showcasing of talent.

But thieves broke into the premises and made off with a number of works, including Seaview from Dymchurch, Louise with Scarf and Louise in Light.

And to make matters worse the paintings, worth a total estimated at around £1,200, were not insured.

"It's devastating," said Richard, who has a studio in Folkestone's Creative Quarter. "They were originals and each could have fetched over £400."

Police believe the paintings were most likely stolen to order and could be in the hands of an unscrupulous collector on the continent.

"I emailed the police some jpegs of the paintings to help them but I haven't heard anything back yet," said Richard.

"It makes sense the paintings would go abroad as it would be extremely difficult to exhibit stolen works of art in this country."

"Needless to say, if anyone does recognise my work hanging on a wall somewhere they should contact the police."

The paintings were part of an exhibition on display at the Battersea Contemporary Art Fair, which is now in its 16th year.

It allows buyers to view work up close and meet artists. It has a reputation for uncovering new talent, as well as cutting out middle men and agents to make it easier to sell and buy work.

The break-in was the first-ever recorded at the venue.

Organisers Maria Newton said: "Police have been looking at our CCTV footage but it is still unclear how the intruders gained access."

"It was a highly select theft, with only five paintings stolen."

## Schools face closure over poor grades

TWO schools in Shepway face being turned into city academies under Government plans to improve GCSE results.

Pent Valley Technology College and Brockhill Park Performing Arts College have been warned they face closure if 30 per cent of their pupils fail to achieve five A to C GCSE grades, including English and Mathematics, this year.

The Government plan, which was announced by Education Secretary Ed Balls yesterday (June 10), requires every secondary school in England to have this GCSE standard in three years. If schools cannot achieve this, they will be shut down and reopened as city academies.

But Tony Lyng, headteacher at Brockhill Park, said the demands were unjustified.

He said: "I am outraged; this is being based on the 2008 results which haven't even come out yet."

"I have a letter from the schools minister Jim Knight congratulating us on our improving performance, and this summer we will go past the 30 percent mark for five or more GCSE passes."

"The Government are shooting themselves in the foot."

### Targets

The plan will also offer measures to help the schools meet targets, including extra funding, mentoring from other head teachers and assistance from neighbouring schools.

Announcing the plan, the education secretary Ed Balls said the city academies had a proven track record in improving results.

He said: "We want to see clear plans to raise standards in every school with a clear expectation that if by 2011 there are still schools stuck below 30 per cent."

"Our expectation will be that the school closes and reopens as a national challenge trust or academy."

"By the end of the summer term I want local authorities coming back to me with their plan, school by school."

Thirty three schools in Kent were included on the Government's list and KCC will be given 50 days to produce a plan to improve the included schools.

Chris Wells, KCC cabinet member for children, families and educational achievement, defended the improvements that schools in Kent had made.

He said: "The last targets to be set by government in this area was achieved by Kent schools with a year to spare."

"We expect enormous progress in achieving the latest targets with this summer's results."

"Kent has been working hard to improve these results long before Mr Brown and Mr Balls dreamt them up."

Pent Valley Technology College were unavailable for comment.

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# Pilot to Channel his energy into pedals

Sky crossing is expected to take five hours

■ BY ROB LIVINGSTONE

AN AMATEUR pilot will be attempting to cross the Channel by air using only the power of his legs.

Stephane Rousson has spent five years preparing for the record-breaking trip, which will see him pedalling a helium-filled airship 34 miles from Lydd airport to the French coastal village of Wissant.

The daring aeronaut said completing the trip would be the completion of his dream.

He said: "I am really happy when I am up in the air – I wish I could stay there. I am not trying to prove anything, for me it is a dream, all I am trying to do is end this story."

M Rousson, a former commercial airline pilot, said he had committed his life savings to the creation of the airship: "I am 39 years old. It has been five years of work and I have put everything I have into this project."

M Rousson, who is from Nice, had to lose 24 pounds in preparation for the trip, which he expects to take five hours to complete.

The origin of the idea came out of the slump in the aviation industry after the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, said M Rousson.

He said: "Many airline companies went



DETERMINED: Stephane Rousson is aiming high with his plans to pedal an airship across the English Channel

crashing down in 2001, and it was clear there weren't going to be many opportunities to be an aeroplane pilot.

"I had a lot of knowledge and I thought this was the best way to use it, the idea at the beginning of the project was to build a propeller powered machine – I was really interested in microlights and gliders."

The airship was the best design to use this love of non-powered flight, said M Rousson.

"Once we had the machine built the next thing to do was to find a challenge, and the most complicated was to cross the channel."

M Rousson explained that because of the weather conditions in the channel he only had a limited window of opportunity to complete the crossing.

The high winds and heat rising from the sea means there are only two months of the year, June and September when it is safe to attempt the journey – the best time this month is between June 10 and 18.

Despite the challenges of piloting the airship across the Channel, M Rousson was confident of success: "I will do it no matter how long it takes."

## Another film to follow The Other Boleyn Girl's success

A SEQUEL to period drama The Other Boleyn Girl is being planned after the film achieved notable success in Europe.

While not a particularly big hit in the UK, the movie has done well overseas, particularly on the continent.

It starred Eric Bana as King Henry VIII and Scarlett Johansson and Natalie Portman as the rival Boleyn sisters.

Folkestone-based model and actress Siobhan Hustler also appeared in the original production, playing a royal handmaiden.

Filming took place at Dover Castle, which doubled up as the Tower of London for the production.

The direct sequel – which is based on original novelist Philippa Gregory's own follow up The Boleyn Inheritance – will chronicle the fourth and fifth marriages of Henry VIII to Anne of Cleves and Katherine Howard.

A movie insider said: "The film was not a great hit in the USA or the UK and it cost £18 million to make."

"But in Europe the film has done well and receipts stand at around £33 million."

"So it certainly has not been a flop."

## Alternative talents defy the attraction of the main stage

AS is so often the way, at Sellindge Festival it was the small tents where the real gems could be discovered, writes Gareth Arnold.

The skies were led on the first day, but a party atmosphere pervaded the fields around Hope Farm, belying the gloomy weather.

Both the folk and the BBC Introducing tent hosted some of the best and brightest talent in Kent, boasting a truly admirable range of bands, almost all of which got a suitably enthusiastic reaction.

Anyone in the BBC tent at 10.30pm on Saturday must agree the weekend belonged to the idiosyncratically inspiring Park Bench Social Club.

The band's unique fusion of folk and hip-hop defied headliners Idlewild on the mainstage by packing out the introducing tent.

Idlewild were insipid in comparison, and many music lovers seemed to avoid the main stage as the weekend wore on, preferring the more eclectic fare on the sidelines.

Earlier in the day, another grime-inspired offering from Thanet brought the tent down, as BBC introducing favourites Floors and Wall showed once again why they are the isle's finest export.

Sunday's glorious sunshine then brought out the crowds.

Highlights included blues guitarist Kris Dollimore on the main stage, and in the BBC tent, north Kent folk punks Los Salvadores defied the heat with an energetic performance bordering on the insane.

The folk tent provided a decidedly calmer option, and played host to several notable Kent musicians including Canterbury's favourite modern folk guitarist Jon Woode.

The only bad points were a seeming lack of locally produced food and beer, although a fantastic Thai mobile takeaway provided a tasty option.

But without a Goachers, Hopdaemon or Ramsgate beer in sight, punters were forced to put up with the standard selection.

## Youngsters will experience the best of culture

SHEPWAY has been selected to pilot a trial Government programme that will help develop the talents of young people.

The Find Your Talent programme will give Shepway's youngsters the chance to expand their education through a wide variety of cultural activities, such as going to theatre performances, art exhibitions and taking part in live music events.

The trial will boost the personal development of children who might have never considered themselves as artistic.

The district is one of 10 areas across the country that has been selected to test the £25m programme, which will see each child in the area have access to at least five hours of high quality culture in and out of school every week.

Nick Eubank, director of the Creative Foundation, said he was thrilled Shepway had been selected out of the 141 districts that applied to take part in the trial.

He said: "It was a highly competitive process with excellent bids coming in from all parts of the country."

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## Beach flies the flag for quality

DYMCHURCH beach has been awarded a Quality Coast flag for the second year in a row.

The award was given to beaches having properly managed facilities, such as toilets and a car park, and which are regularly cleaned.

Cllr Alan North, cabinet member for Shepway council environmental services, said: "Dymchurch parish council and its beach management team have put a considerable amount of effort in over the years to ensure people and visitors have safe and happy days on the beach.

"It's good to see their efforts have been recognised."

Cllr Tom Gibbs, chairman of Dymchurch parish council, said: "I am very pleased Dymchurch has been awarded the flag again this year."

"It proves we can be consistent and maintain our high standards."

## Enjoy a guided tour of Triennial

THE Creative Foundation is offering guided tours around the Folkestone Triennial.

Visitors to the ground-breaking public exhibition of modern art will be able to take part in free guided tours given by expert art critics and curators from Saturday (June 14).

There are two types of tours available, a three-and-a-half hour walk with a stop for lunch and a 90-minute walk.

There is also the chance to use a specially prepared MP3 audio guide for those who want to explore the artworks at their own pace.

Advance booking is necessary; for details visit the Triennial Visitor centre at 55 to 57 Tontine Street, phone 0845 202 0190, or alternatively visit [www.folkestonetriennial.org.uk](http://www.folkestonetriennial.org.uk)

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They're coming! The wind turbines are heading for Romney Marsh

# Stars pay tribute to our wartime heroes

THE full list of showbusiness stars coming together to re-create the great days of variety shows with a Royal Gala performance in aid of the Battle of Britain Memorial at Capel-le-Ferne can be revealed by Yourshepway.

It includes acclaimed actor Robert Hardy, who will play the pivotal role of Winston Churchill in Fly With The Stars - A Tribute to the Few, which will be staged at the London Palladium on Sunday, September 7 - 68 years to the day since Hitler's Luftwaffe launched a mass blitz on the capital.

The evening of nostalgia will pay for the upkeep of the impressive memorial on the White Cliffs just outside Folkestone, which consists of the sculpture of a pilot gazing out to sea, a replica Hurricane and Spitfire and the names of airmen involved in the battle inscribed on a wall.

Impressionist Alastair MacGowan has also

■ BY NICK AMES

agreed to take part, along with TV vet Christopher Timothy and Drop The Dead Donkey star Neil Pearson.

Actress Clare Sweeney of Brookside and the West End stage, together with her Shout colleagues Shona White and Donna Steele will be appearing, along with Hi-de-Hi star Su Pollard and Eurovision contestant Sally Ann Triplett.

Also pledging their support are showbiz veterans Nicholas Parsons and Brian Conley.

Other names include Strictly Come Dancing star Anton du Beke, comedian Roy Hudd and music hall star Millicent Martin.

The show will also feature the Central Band of the Royal Air Force and it is expected that some veterans of the air battles in the skies over Kent in the summer of 1940 will take part.

As well as paying tribute to the pilots, the show will also honour the men and women on the ground who supported them.

Air Chief Marshall Sir Richard Graydon is

president of the trust which runs the memorial. He said: "We remember the heroism of many men and women at one of the most significant moments in British history.

"We hope people who recall those days and those from younger generations will join us at the Palladium, one of the most famous London theatres to pay tribute - but also to enjoy a great evening of entertainment."

Trust chairman Richard Hunting added: "The memorial plays a vital role in ensuring today's and future generations remember the heroism of 1940."

The site - on the road between Folkestone and Dover - was opened in 1993 by The Queen Mother. It was the brainchild of Geoffrey Page, shot down in the Battle of Britain as a 20-year-old Hurricane pilot, who later returned to active service and won the DSO and DFC.

Realising there was no official memorial to Fighter Command's heroics, he campaigned for one to be built.

He died in August 2000, shortly after attending the memorial day for the 60th anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

## CHANNEL FILM MARKS A NEW DAWN



Film-maker Tacita Dean has produced a 16mm movie of a dawn crossing from Boulogne to Folkestone for the upcoming Triennial.

Links between the Shepway town and Boulogne will be explored during the arts festival, which will run from this Saturday until Sunday, September 14, and will be the biggest cultural event ever seen in the area.

Created for public spaces in the town, it will feature work by renowned artists such as Tracey Emin and Mark Wallinger, while Ben Langlands and Nikki Bell have put together a film which they took a year to make.

It lasts 15 minutes and features the daily lives of people in both Folkestone and 22 miles across the Channel.

The inaugural Triennial will feature works throughout the town and some will remain when the festival is over.

A spokeswoman for the organisers said: "Folkestone has long been a creative centre and has attracted figures as diverse as Charles Dickens, Derek Jarman and Jimi Hendrix, as well as literary figures such as HG Wells, George Bernard Shaw and Samuel Beckett."

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UNDERGROUND: Is the iconic Chitty Chitty Bang Bang hidden, buried in the grounds of Higham Court?

# Legend behind car waiting to be unearthed

■ BY NICK AMES

EVERY film fan knows flying car Chitty Chitty Bang Bang is a "fine four-fendered friend" – but is one of the real life vehicles which bore the famous name lying hidden below ground on a country estate, lost for more than 80 years?

Several cars bearing the famous name were constructed by Count Louis Zborowski, a millionaire racing driver who owned Higham Court, near Bridge, during the 1920s.

The man who started the Romney Hythe and Dymchurch railway, he also inspired Ian Fleming to write the original book on which the hit movie was based – as the James Bond author lived a few miles away in St Margaret's Bay and became fascinated by the story when he was a guest at the house in later years.

The noise the cars' powerful engines made – they could be heard starting up in Canterbury – inspired their name, along with a First World War popular song about soldiers looking for women while on leave.

Forty years on from the original movie a two disc dvd version has just been released – amidst fresh interest in the bizarre real life cars which were powered by aircraft engines and could reach an amazing 170 mph.

And reports of a "missing Chitty" buried somewhere in the grounds of Higham Court continue to fascinate car enthusiasts.

The story goes that friends of the eccentric Count buried it after his death at the wheel of a Mercedes during the Italian Grand Prix in Monza in 1924.

John Richardson runs a website devoted to the vehicles in fact and fiction.

He said: "There has never been a film quite like Chitty Chitty Bang Bang – it's a classic. The flying car has been copied since – Harry Potter for instance – but the magic

has never been recreated. As for the legend of the missing car – that's a great story."

Of the vehicles created by the Count, it is known that Chitty I was broken up after being bought by the sons of Sherlock Holmes author Arthur Conan Doyle.

Chitty II was sold to an American collector and went on show at a museum in Cleveland, Ohio, although it has been exhibited at the National Motor Museum in Beaulieu, Hampshire. Count Zborowski once drove it into the Sahara Desert before it was first sold to a motor dealer named Bill Hollis from Temple Ewell, near Dover.

But what happened to numbers III and IV is less certain, with no definitive facts about their fate agreed upon.

## Excavation

Previous owners of Higham Court have kept the story of the hidden car alive and one in particular spent years trying to locate it. At one stage the BBC's Time Team expressed interest in a large scale excavation programme but nothing came of the plan.

The property is now believed to be in the hands of owners from overseas and any current exploration of the grounds is unknown.

Historian Reginald Moate from Herne Bay has a family stake in the whole saga and has followed the history of the cars closely.

He explained: "My father, Reginald, actually ordered the parts which were used to build Chitty I. The Count had been building racing cars and had a whole fleet of them."

"But the work became too much and some was undertaken by a Canterbury company called Bligh Brothers – which my father worked for."

"The previous owners of Higham Court were very interested in the story of the lost car and they asked me about it. To my mind it is just a rumour and to find it – if it's there – would be hugely difficult."

"The grounds of the estate are huge and you would have to cover every inch with a metal detector. It's a nice thought that there is one of the cars hidden waiting to be found, but at the moment it is still a rumour."

## yourshepway NEWS IN BRIEF

### Tickets sell out in less than an hour

TICKETS to see the Stereophonics at the Leas Cliff Hall have sold out within 45 minutes of going on sale.

When tickets went on sale at 9am on Friday, May 30, fans of the band, whose hits include I'm Just Looking and Mr Writer, as well as the cover of Rod Stewart's Handbags And Gladrags, which was used as the theme for TV comedy The Office, had queued round the building for the chance to see the band.

One fan waiting in the queue said: "I just couldn't believe it when I heard they were coming to Folkestone – I knew these tickets would go like gold dust."

Gig organisers at the Leas Cliff Hall have said it was the fastest time tickets had sold out in the theatre's 80-year history.

Other gigs planned at the venue this year include Turin Breaks in August, Level 42 in October and The Stranglers in November.

To receive text alerts for shows at the Leas Cliff Hall, text 'Leas' to 07887 926101. Alternatively, phone 0870 4000 890.

### Make sure you stick to garden waste bins

SHEPWAY council is urging people who have signed up to have their garden waste collected to attach stickers showing they have paid for their bins.

The council recently introduced charges of between £25 and £35 a year for collecting garden waste, and issued stickers to the 11,000 people who signed up so that their brown bins were not taken away.

Cllr Alan North, cabinet member for environmental services, said: "We are now collecting the bins from residents who no longer wish to have the garden waste collection. It is very important that residents who have paid put stickers on their bins so we can easily identify them."

For a sticker, phone 01303 858660.

### Work on your singing

LYMINGE choir Cantores Dominicae will be holding two singing workshops for would-be choristers.

The two-hour sessions, on June 18 and July 9, will offer the perfect chance for vocalists to learn new techniques as well as meeting members of the choir.

Entry to the workshops is free, and tenors and basses are especially welcome.

The sessions will be held at Lyminge Primary School in Church Road and will begin at 7.30pm.

For more information, phone Jan Galbraith on 01304 813579.



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An exciting new venture from the team behind nearby Wallett's Court, the Bay Restaurant in the 'beating heart' of The White Cliffs Hotel is in the centre of delightful St Margaret's-at-Cliffe. It's a cool uncluttered dining room that is equally popular for light lunches and evening meals.

The kitchen is headed up by Chris Hall (culinary supremo of the former Bay Leaf Restaurant in St. Margaret's), who brings his own brand of creative modern cooking to proceedings. A passion for 'local, free-range, organic and sustainable' ingredients underpins his efforts and it shows in his seasonal larder: here you will find Kentish asparagus, Romney Marsh lamb, St Margaret's Bay lobster and other fish from the coast. Among the vivid modern dishes on offer might be line-caught mackerel fillets with sun-dried tomatoes and fennel seeds, Sussex goats' cheese fritters with beetroot pickle, organic pork with mustard mash, caramelised pears and apples, and desserts such as custard tart with rhubarb & Kentish strawberries with balsamic ice cream.

*The Bay Restaurant at The White Cliffs is a piece of paradise! It had just opened and yet we felt like we had been welcomed as long standing friends. The place is peaceful yet sophisticated in its design and style. It had a magical garden, fantastic locally sourced food. The staff were fantastic. It feels like you are part of a special exclusive club yet is not expensive & the bar drinks were really affordable. Go and find out for yourselves - you won't be disappointed!*

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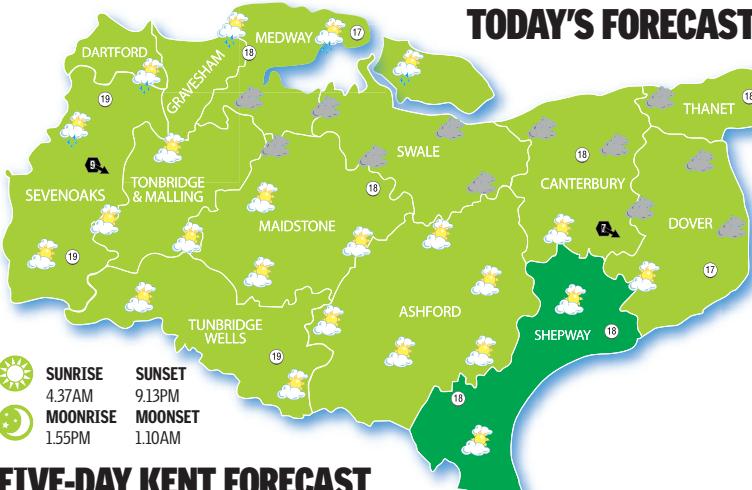
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## WEEKEND HIGH TIDES

<b>Chatham</b>	Saturday	8:30am	5.2m
	Sunday	9:33am	5.1m
<b>Dover</b>	Saturday	6:57am	5.5m
	Sunday	8:00am	5.5m
<b>Dungeness</b>	Saturday	6:44am	6.0m
	Sunday	7:48am	6.0m
<b>Ramsgate</b>	Saturday	7:27am	4.1m
	Sunday	8:30am	4.1m
<b>Sheerness</b>	Saturday	8:18am	5.0m
	Sunday	9:21am	5.0m
<b>Whitstable</b>	Saturday	8:23am	4.6m
	Sunday	9:27am	4.6m

## FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon		Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	
<b>Ashford</b>	23°C	18°C	15°C	16°C	16°C		<b>Gravesend</b>	24°C	20°C	16°C	17°C	17°C
<b>Canterbury</b>	20°C	19°C	15°C	16°C	16°C		<b>Maidstone</b>	24°C	20°C	16°C	17°C	17°C
<b>Chatham</b>	20°C	18°C	15°C	16°C	16°C		<b>Ramsgate</b>	20°C	19°C	15°C	16°C	16°C
<b>Dartford</b>	24°C	20°C	16°C	17°C	17°C		<b>Rochester</b>	20°C	18°C	15°C	16°C	16°C
<b>Dover</b>	18°C	17°C	14°C	15°C	14°C		<b>Sevenoaks</b>	22°C	18°C	14°C	15°C	15°C
<b>Faversham</b>	20°C	18°C	15°C	16°C	16°C		<b>Sittingbourne</b>	20°C	18°C	15°C	16°C	16°C
<b>Folkestone</b>	18°C	17°C	14°C	15°C	14°C		<b>Tonbridge</b>	24°C	19°C	16°C	17°C	16°C
<b>Gillingham</b>	20°C	18°C	15°C	16°C	16°C		<b>Tun Wells</b>	24°C	19°C	16°C	17°C	16°C

## AROUND THE WORLD YESTERDAY

<b>Amsterdam</b>	25°C	<b>Madrid</b>	14°C
<b>Athens</b>	26°C	<b>New York</b>	33°C
<b>Barcelona</b>	21°C	<b>Paris</b>	26°C
<b>Beijing</b>	28°C	<b>Rome</b>	23°C
<b>Bombay</b>	26°C	<b>Sydney</b>	17°C
<b>Cape Town</b>	19°C	<b>Tenerife</b>	23°C
<b>Cardiff</b>	18°C	<b>Tokyo</b>	22°C
<b>Gibraltar</b>	21°C	<b>Vancouver</b>	12°C
<b>Hong Kong</b>	30°C	<b>Warsaw</b>	29°C
<b>Las Palmas</b>	25°C	<b>Wellington</b>	14°C

## Police warn elderly to beware conmen

ELDERLY people in Folkestone are being targeted by conmen who trick their way into homes to steal cash.

Two women in their 80s were left shocked and distressed after answering their doors on Friday, May 30.

In the first incident a man, described as white, aged 35-40, 6ft tall, wearing a navy-blue polo shirt, dark tracksuit bottoms and grey baseball cap, called at a house in Radnor Park between 1pm-2pm.

The man told the 80-year-old home-owner he had come to do some work in her garden and told her to go into her cellar while he set up her equipment.

She refused and the man asked if she could change a £20 note. When she went to get her purse he followed and demanded more money. At this point the woman ordered him out of the house and he left empty-handed.

In the second incident, which took place between 3.30pm and 4pm at a house in Downs Way, an 88-year-old answered the door to a man who said he wanted to work on her garden. When the woman told him she did not have any money he went through her drawers until he found her purse, taking the money.

The thief is described as white, aged 50, 5ft 6in tall, with short fair hair and a Manchester accent. He was wearing a fawn-coloured jacket and trousers.

A police spokesman said the men had been ruthless in targeting the pensioners, and officers were warning elderly people about the risks of answering the door to strangers.

The news comes as trading standards officers in Kent reported a 60 per cent rise in cold-caller in the past year.

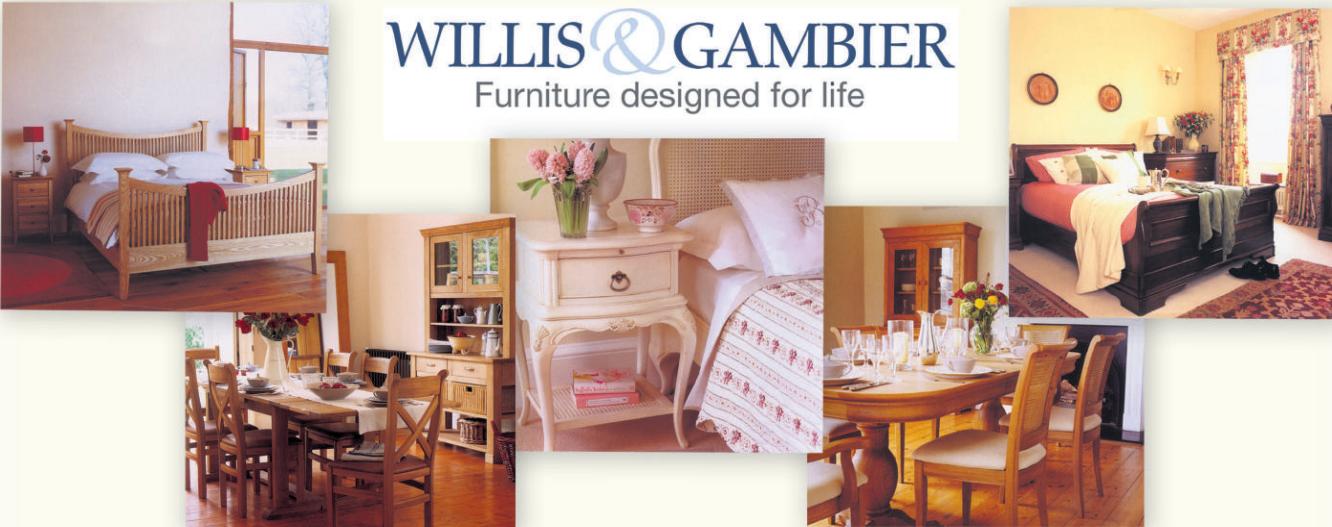
Pensioners who are concerned by unrecognised callers can also take part in the nominated neighbour scheme, which involves a yellow card on the door giving details of a neighbour who can check the identity of the caller.

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# yourlocalinterview

## QUESTION & ANSWER

### TRICIA CORKHILL



**Q & A**

Tricia Corkhill is public relations manager for the Aspinall Foundation and she told **Rob Livingstone** about her recent trip to the African reserves run by the foundation, which reintroduces gorillas to the wild

#### Q Tell us about yourself

**A** I am the public relations manager for the Aspinall Foundation, as well as for the two Kent wild animal parks run by the charity: Howletts, near Canterbury, and Port Lympne, near Hythe. I have been in the position for just seven months. My main responsibility is to promote our parks and the charity's work.

#### Q What does the Aspinall Foundation do in Africa?

**A** We work in two large protected areas in central Africa, one in Congo and one in Gabon, which we run in cooperation with the respective governments. Our main objective is to reintroduce self-sustaining populations of the critically endangered western gorilla to a safe natural habitat and to ensure effective long-term management of the release sites. To date, we have released 43 wild-born orphans of the illegal bushmeat trade as well as hand-reared gorillas who have been transferred from Howletts and Port Lympne to Africa.

#### Q How does that relate to the work of Port Lympne and Howletts?

**A** Port Lympne and Howletts wild animal parks were originally set up by the late John Aspinall with an aim to protect and breed rare and endangered species. Their record at breeding gorillas in Kent (we have the largest population of western gorillas in captivity) is what fuelled John Aspinall's

desire to reintroduce gorillas back to Africa.

#### Q What did you do on your trip to Congo?

**A** We stayed at our base camp in Iboubikro, where there are four orphaned gorillas, Lengui, Epena, Tanga and Locolo. One afternoon one of the workers on the reserve took us through the jungle. Many of the herbs, roots and trees can be used for medicines, making furniture and roofs for houses, as well as leaves that are used to make toilet-paper. We also went in a hand-made narrow boat to visit the three silverback gorillas on Batchelor Island – Rupert, Sid and Titi – managing to get very close to them, as well as travelling along the Louna River to our new site at Abio, where eight adult gorillas and four babies are able to roam freely. On our final day we headed north along the river. Djeke, who previously had his own group, had decided to leave Abio and go north. We also swam in a crystal-clear lake known as Lac Bleu.

#### Q What species live on the reserves?

**A** Well, apart from tsetse fly and mosquitoes, the more interesting species were, of course, the gorillas. We also saw De Brazza's monkeys, jackals, sitatunga (a type of antelope) and had dinner often watched by a preying mantis on the wooden beam above us. Along the river we saw crocodiles and hippos as we passed by. We were told to be careful of

black mambas and cobras at night, but fortunately nobody came across one.

#### Q What stands out about your trip?

**A** The fact that we saw the work the foundation does and the end result of what we are trying to achieve. I was impressed with the dedication and commitment of the Belgian couple who run the reserve, as well as the local people who we employ to guard the gorillas and track their whereabouts.

#### Q What are the foundation's plans for the future?

**A** We are hoping to build another camp and rescue and rehabilitate as many gorillas as possible that are so prone to attack by poachers and being sold as bushmeat. Part of the programme is to educate the local people that the way forward is not to eat gorillas and that if the number continues to decline at its present rate they will be extinct by 2020.

#### Q What can people do to help?

**A** Just visiting the parks provides us with funds, but we have many fund-raising activities, including the annual charity cycle ride and walk, adopt an animal in a box, recycling mobile phones, purchasing the pre-paid Aspinall cash card, joining in the mosaic appeal. Information on all this can be found by visiting [www.totallywild.net](http://www.totallywild.net).

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# The passionate heart Dickens kept hidden

BY NICK AMES

AN INVESTIGATION into the double life of world-renowned author Charles Dickens is set to shock fans who regard him as the outstanding example of Victorian English virtue.

A Channel 4 drama-documentary filmed in Medway and Thanet is set to reveal the man who penned such classics as Great Expectations, A Christmas Carol and A Tale of Two Cities ripped his family apart during a 13-year affair with an actress.

The programme will suggest during this time he fathered two illegitimate children who died at a young age.

Acclaimed actor David Haig portrays the author, with Hollywood star Amy Shiels as his mistress Ellen Ternan - known as Nelly.

The programme - filmed at Dickens' Swiss chalet in Rochester and Margate's Theatre Royal - will be screened at 9pm on Monday.

It is part of a series called Victorian Passions which lifts the lid on a so-called era of respectability.

A Channel 4 spokesman said: "The very symbol of Victorian virtue in public, for 13 years Charles Dickens conducted a secret love affair with an actress, possibly fathering two children who died in infancy.

Attempts to conceal the affair involved a frantic double life with complex financial arrangements, networks of safe houses and bonfires of private letters and papers.

It also entailed a series of ruthless acts which caused misery and irreparable rifts in his family. The programme revisits locations



**SECRET AFFAIR:** David Haig portrays Charles Dickens and Amy Shiels is Ellen Ternan in Channel 4's drama-documentary about their 13-year affair. Inset: Haig gives a reading as Dickens.

where Dickens conducted his romance in near total secrecy, piecing together evidence that testifies to the couple's love.

"Interviews with experts, aficionados and descendants of the great man explore the effect the affair had on Dickens and his legacy."

The programme is presented by Charles Dance, who recently appeared in the BBC's acclaimed production of Dickens' Bleak House.

He takes the role of a detective questioning experts on how the relationship which betrayed his wife Catherine - from whom he eventually

separated - affected his writing and public personality.

Key scenes are dramatised to give the viewer greater understanding of those involved.

The programme was filmed on location at Dickens' Swiss chalet, which is now in the grounds of Eastgate House, Rochester.

It was originally in the garden of his home in Gad's Hill, just outside the city, and was the scene of much of his writing.

The Theatre Royal was chosen as the crew wanted to use locations Dickens was passionate about and he frequently held readings of his work there.

## Desk sells well above Expectation



A CHAIR and desk believed to have been used by Charles Dickens when he wrote Great Expectations at his home in Gad's Hill near Rochester have been sold for £433,250 at auction.

The items were expected to sell for between £50,000 and £80,000 at Christie's auctioneers in London.

But competition was extremely intense for the items donated to raise funds for Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital by a family relative of the author.

Irish collector Tom Higgins will now take the historic furniture back to his home in County Wicklow.

The mahogany desk bears a bronze plaque which carries Dickens' name.

Along with the walnut chair, it was passed down to the author's great-great-grandson, Christopher Charles Dickens. When he died in 1999, his wife Jeanne-Marie donated both items to Great Ormond Street.

"Dickens was a champion of the poor and needy and an enthusiastic patron of Great Ormond Street Hospital in its early days," she said.

"I felt that it was Charles's wish and it is an honour for me to fulfil this wish."

Mr Higgins said: "I'm a big Dickens fan, I always have been. It's an important piece of literary history."

Dickens was one of Great Ormond Street's first patrons and spoke at its first fund-raising dinner in 1858.

A hospital spokesman said: "Money raised from the sale will help rebuild and refurbish the hospital, buy equipment and fund research."

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# Bob to bring his unique comedy to our airwaves

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

SURREAL comic Bob Mortimer will take to the airwaves on Saturday as a guest host for BBC Radio Kent.

The acclaimed performer, who dominated the early 90s' TV comedy schedules with partner-in-crime Vic Reeves, will cover for regular host Pat Marsh, who is on leave.

The former *Shooting Stars* presenter said he was looking forward to his three-hour slot, having grown up with the wireless.

He said: "I fell in love with radio when I was young – it was the only way you could listen to songs your parents didn't approve of."

"I used to put a transistor, a tranny, under my pillow in my bedroom and that's what has always made radio a bit magic for me."



REUTERS

**SHOOTING STARS:** Bob Mortimer, right, with his comedy pal Vic Reeves

"I like talking to people on the radio because they are not physically near you and so you can say

what you want without fear of attack or disease."

Having lived in the county for

10 years, Bob said he's grown to love the Garden of England and has even adopted Kent as his second home.

He said: "I like Kent for the very obvious reasons; it's very pretty and the weather is a lot nicer than up north where I am from."

"I have lived in several places in Kent and also filmed all over the county, and we've always had a warm welcome from people in Kent, I've never had difficulties with people."

"It feels very English to me, Kent, and I am very much an Englishman in that Morrissey sense."

Welcoming the new boy, Radio Kent's managing editor Paul Leaper said: "With a love of radio and a unique take on the world, we're really pleased he's taking over the BBC Radio Kent airwaves on Kent's radio station this Saturday morning."

Bob Mortimer is on BBC Radio Kent on Saturday, June 14, from 10am to 1pm.

## Show you have a heart, support the foundation

THE British Heart Foundation is running a campaign this month to raise £1.5 million to fund life-saving research.

The Help a Heart drive comes after recent figures showed 155 people across Britain die prematurely every day from heart and circulatory disease.

The charity undertakes work into preventing the condition, as well as assisting people who have had operations.

Throughout June house collections are being organised and fundraising buttons will be on sale in charity shops.

Every day 12 babies are born in Britain with congenital heart disease and many need specialist care to survive.

Two-year-old Cordelia Griffin is one child whose life was saved by vital research.

Her mother Maddie, bought up in Margate, said: "When we were told our newborn daughter would have to have major surgery we were devastated.

### Devastating

"It was the worst thing in the world that could have happened to us."

"Fortunately she responded well to the treatment and after a worrying few weeks she was able to come home."

"Thanks partly to the BHF, Cordelia has been blessed with a normal, happy childhood."

Julie Martin, from Rochester, had a heart attack five years ago at the age of 34.

She explained why the campaign is so important to people like her.

"After I was released from hospital I had a BHF nurse to help me," she said.

"She took time to come and see me and to explain things, such as the food that was best for me to eat and most appropriate exercises."

"After recovering from a heart attack you look fine on the outside but inside you are still healing and she helped me to cope with that."

"This is why I feel this campaign and the work of the charity is so important."

## Water company wants to flood areas of county

PROPOSALS to flood an area of land in order to create a new reservoir serving homes in Kent will be displayed across the county by South East Water during the next two weeks.

The company, which serves 1.97 million customers across the area, says new supplies are essential if the shortages of recent years are not repeated.

A drought existed in the region served by the company – which covers most of Kent – from 2005 to 2007.

So, plans have been put forward by the company to guarantee supplies until 2035. They call for a new reservoir to be built near Canterbury by 2024 and facilities for further reserves in Surrey to be constructed. The area to be developed in Kent is near to Broad Oak, on the Sturry Road out of Canterbury.

Together the reservoirs will supply 77 million litres of water every day – a figure which, combined with other developments such as more exploitation of underground supplies,

will cope with an estimated expanded population increase to 2.3 million.

A roadshow detailing the proposals is set to tour the area and will be on display at the Abode Hotel in Canterbury on June 16. It will move to Park Mall Shopping Centre in Ashford on June 18 and Maidstone Town Hall on June 20.

Proposal summaries are available at libraries across the county and comments from residents of affected areas are welcome.

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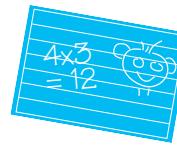
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## BREAK TIME

### Children to sleep through fundraiser

PUPILS at Christ Church Primary School in Folkestone will be taking part in an attempt to break the Guinness World Record for the largest sleepover.

The event, known as the Giant Sleepover, will see around 50,000 children take part in over 1,500 simultaneous sponsored sleepovers across the UK on Saturday, June 14, to raise money for the Save the Children Emergency Fund.

The children will be trying to break the previous record set in 2006, which saw over 33,000 children from around the world sleeping for around five hours.

Rosemary Richter, who will be overseeing the attempt in the Christ Church school hall, said: "It is going to be a great event which also allows the children to raise money for Save the Children – a very worthy cause.

"We are delighted to be involved."

### Survivor speaks up

SIXTH-FORM history pupils at the Folkestone Academy have heard about the experiences of a Holocaust survivor.

The group, who have been learning about the history of genocide, listened to a talk from Rudi Oppenheimer, a German-born Jew who had been imprisoned in Belsen concentration camp during the Second World War.

The pupils said they felt privileged to hear Mr Oppenheimer's story, said Ms Starr, the class's teacher.

She said: "We feel very privileged to have heard Rudi speak and feel the strength and optimism he expressed will continue to inspire us all."

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# Youngsters butt into water conservation

■ BY ROB LIVINGSTONE

FOURTEEN environmentally friendly gardening clubs set up at primary schools in Shepway have been given a helping hand from the Folkestone and Dover Water Company.

Hawkinge, Lympne, St Eanswythe's, Harcourt, Mundella, Saltwood, St Augustine's, Elham, Greatstone, Seabrook, Lympne, Christ Church and Brookland primary schools have all been provided with water butts to collect rain water by the company, which is seeking to promote water conservation.

The project, which will see pupils plant and manage gardens in their school grounds, is part of the living classroom project from the Shepway Secondary Learning Partnership at Brookhill Performing Arts College in Hythe.

Teachers and students from horticultural courses at the college will be assisting the primary schools by running training sessions for primary school teachers exploring the science behind the project.

Funding from the college has also paid for gardening tools and for Folkestone-based gardener Rob Vanburen to visit each primary school to offer advice and hands-on support.

The project has also received the backing of the Royal Horticultural Society, which is offering advice and free seeds as part of its campaign to promote gardening in schools.

Lee Kane of the Shepway Secondary Learning Partnership said: "We think this is an important initiative at a time when we are keen to encourage children to eat a healthy diet, take part in physical activity and become interested in their environment.



ECONOMICAL: Primary school pupils have been learning about the importance of saving water in the garden

"A great start has been made with the clubs, but we are still looking for further sponsorship and if companies or individuals think they could help we would be delighted to hear from them."

Water efficiency manager Ian Mcathy said the project would allow pupils to gain a practical experience of gardening and adopt a green approach early in life.

He said: "In working with the schools we

have been impressed by the enthusiasm shown and we are delighted to be able to support the gardening clubs.

"As we move towards a warmer and drier climate, it will be increasingly important for us to ensure our gardens are water efficient and match our plants to the new conditions.

"The clubs will set youngsters on the right path and help underline the importance of water as a scarce resource."

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## Is this man no more than a Downing Street mouse?

IS he a man or mouse, some may ask, or maybe just a puppet of the rich?

Since he is famed as the best Chancellor this country has ever had, can somebody explain why our country is billions in debt.

For all his worth, Gordon Brown has ripped off the poor in all sectors, including our daily bread.

Yet at the stroke of a pen, he could stop these inflated prices and obnoxious EU dictates.

Spinning for more production will never cut fuel costs, just as it has never done.

Giving back hand-outs rather than 10 pence is a joke when most are already paying extra anyway, not least in VAT.

The fuel price is the classic of them all, with the huge prices at the pumps.

This is translated into increases across the household table, all with increased VAT or above-inflation hikes.

So what happens, Mr Brown, when the tables cannot be filled or the freezers stocked?

Yes, families, single parents and all suffer. Truckers deserve capped fuel tax, not floating VAT. The poor must use cars, motorcycles and so on just to earn some bread because most would make two or three shopping runs a week just to keep up with the increases if they had no wheels.

One can use a bus – if one is running – or maybe a taxi, but then we get ripped off anyway and all for the want of tax.

Mr Brown and the Westminster crowd never have such problems with guaranteed pensions and expenses, and the benefit of an additional tax break – 22 per cent lowered to 20.

Now top this off with inflated road tax, and fuel costs growing by the barrel, along with profits to foreign gas, water and rubbish companies sent overseas. Is it any wonder the British people have had enough?

But fact points the finger: our land has lost its status as one of the world's leading democracies.

Our land has lost much since 1997 and yet two world wars could do no worse.

Even our forces are being downgraded by this government so we have no island security. The water that protected us is being eroded, yet Mr Brown gives away billions to those who have done nothing to improve their own lot.

Saving money is the key, but we and most small businesses have no chance – especially as our costs rise by the day.

Do the decent thing by all, Mr Brown.

Give all that 10p back and then use common sense. Drop the VAT to 11 per cent, so everyone benefits – not the few rich bodes.

This is a simple solution, while truckers should be granted capped fuel rates – like the bus companies that fail to service millions.

Of all the service providers, truckers must be at number one. To do otherwise is to ignore reality, for without wheeled transport this country would stagnate and its economy freeze.

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THERE'S nothing better than a juicy barbecued burger – and now a celebrity chef has shared his secret recipe for a healthy version all the family will love.

Phil Vickery's tip this summer is – make your burgers with British turkey meat.

Barbecue fan Phil, who even travelled to America to brush up his technique, says: "In my view, the leg, or dark meat, makes better burgers, purely because the meat is juicier."

"Turkey breast is also fine, but because skinned breast of turkey can be less than two per cent fat, when it cooks, it may end up a more crumbly texture."

But it definitely won't be dry, promises Phil. "I have discovered a great trick. If you add a little mayonnaise to the raw mix it really helps to keep the burger beautifully juicy and tasty."

Find ready minced packs of turkey in your supermarket – look out for the familiar Red Tractor logo alongside the Quality British Turkey mark, your guarantee you are buying turkey farmed in the UK to high standards of food safety, traceability and animal welfare.

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**Question: What Turkey meat makes better burgers according to Phil Vickery?**

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## TALK TIME

### CLLR PETER GANE

The Mayor of Folkestone looks to the future now that he's been re-elected



**How does it feel to be re-elected as mayor?**  
It is an honour and privilege to be asked to represent your town in any capacity.

**What are you hoping to achieve this year?**  
We want to continue what we were doing last year by carrying out environmental improvements; we will be repainting the town's bollards and bins in the town council's colours.

I would like to see the town council continue its work in improving the living environment, working with partners to make residents' lives better. I will be holding events to help charities – on June 21 there is a Chinese night at Kalala in support of Folkestone Age Concern, in September a barn dance in support of the Scouting and Guides associations. We also have events planned in support of Folkestone Carnival Committee and St Martins Youth Worker scheme.

**What is the council doing for the environment?**  
The green agenda is at the very heart of the town council. Last year we signed up to the Nottingham Declaration and we will continue to strive to keep up the advances we have made. All decisions we take at town council, we keep in mind the green agenda. We are in the process of planting more shrubs and making ourselves carbon-neutral by planting trees to offset any carbon emissions we have made in the mayoral year.

**Are you optimistic for the future of Folkestone?**  
Yes I am. I think it is becoming a vibrant, younger town. With the University Centre being based here we are seeing a lot more younger people coming to the town and that is what Folkestone needs.

## YOUR LETTERS

### Dirt is sending us down the toilet

Would someone from Shepway council care to comment on the state of public toilets at the rear of Folkestone's Leas Cliff Hall?

I have rarely seen such disgusting essential public facilities. It was quite obvious they had not been serviced for a considerable time – if ever.

There was no toilet paper or soap, and – unbelievably – no water. And the whole place was filthy. What must foreign visitors think, let alone anyone else?

Whatever happened to supervision? If Shepway council uses the excuse that it's down to costs, then I suggest it gets its priorities in order.

David Kane  
Deal

### Our town's right to community hospital

Last week the East Kent Health Trust (EKHT) agreed to open the Minor Injuries Unit (MIU) daily.

As the Dover representative of the Patient and Public Involvement Forum – Primary Care Trust (PPIF-PCT), this had been a contentious issue between myself and the EKHT since April 2007. There is no doubt the opening of the MIU, along with the promise of £11.5 million to upgrade the Buckland site by the EKHT, came out of two separate pressures:

1. The PPIF-PCT taking the report I had written to Dover Project to KCC's Health Overview Scrutiny Committee (KCC-HOSC).

2. The Dover GP Consortium taking over the Dover Project in July, when it will run Dover's health/hospital services.

With regards to the PPIF-PCT



### SMUG AT COUNTY HALL

I imagine county council leader Paul Carter and his Tory colleagues at County Hall must be feeling rather smug.

Having failed to carry out an Environmental Impact Assessment on their proposed lorry park at Sellindge, they can now put their proposals into the proverbial layby until after the county council elections in May next year and, perhaps better still, until after the next general election.

They hope no doubt to con the voters of Sellindge and Aldington and farther afield that the threat to build the lorry park is not real and should not concern them when they cast their votes.

I and my party are more than happy to let Cllr Carter wallow in his smugness, but I can assure him the issue won't go away. In Aldington and Sellindge it will be at the top of the campaigning agenda until the threat to impose a juggernaut resting place is removed altogether.

Huff and puff about the lorry park as they may, Cllr Carter and his cohorts know the proposal is hugely unpopular and would risk carnage in their ranks if it was put to the vote.

Far better, therefore, to delay the inevitable while using striking foreign workers as a smoke-screen for their own council's lack of initiative and imagination in solving the problems of lorries stacked on our motorways or parked in our laybys.

Cllr Carter may be able to hoodwink Tory MPs, MEPs and his fellow councillors into believing media coverage for his proposal is favourable, but perhaps he was out playing tiddlywinks when most of the population of Sellindge went on a protest march against the lorry park.

Just how favourable his own colleagues' reaction will be to his proposal he will surely find out in May when the votes are counted at County Hall.

And, like King Canute of old, not even Cllr Carter will be able to stop the tide flowing against him and his ill-founded idea to destroy our green and pleasant land.

Donald Worsley, Labour Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for Folkestone, Hythe, Romney Marsh and Saxon Shore

report, I based my arguments on the White Paper 'Our Health, Our Care, Our Say', and the community hospital and the

services I demanded are ours of right and not a wish list.

The KCC-HOSC agreed with me and the EKHT had to

consider providing a new community hospital in Dover, along with the other options it was considering, including the £11.5m upgrade.

At the KCC-HOSC the EKHT agreed initially to fund a new community hospital for £3m, then accepted it could find £8m – the remainder would have to come from central government. There is a fund there to be tapped.

Alternatively, the GP Consortium could refuse to work with EKHT, preferring instead to build a new community hospital, perhaps in conjunction with the private sector or/and tapping into the same Government funding. There is nothing to stop them.

At 7.30pm on Wednesday, June 18, at the Community Centre, Maison Dieu Road, Dover, I will be speaking to the Castle Forum on 'A Community Hospital for Dover'. I am told all are invited.

Lorraine Senicile  
via email

### Leaflet spending is inexcusable waste

No doubt by now, everyone in Dover would have received our MP's lavish leaflet telling us of all the wonderful things the Labour Party has done for us.

He trumpets exciting regeneration plans... which incidentally were spearheaded by the Conservative district council.

Maybe we should think about claiming credit for all Labour's work, but after ten years I don't think there'd be much to say!

However, the most significant part of the leaflet is right at the bottom of the back page in the tiniest of print... "funded through the MP's communication allowance". At a time when the Government should be exercising acute financial stringency, it cannot be right that taxpayers' money is being used in this way.

Cllr Julie Rook (Conservative)  
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PLATINUM: Carl and Andy Pemberton almost gave up performing after mounting debts, but X Factor gave them a new chance to succeed in music

# Journey South's trek continues

## Three years on for those X Factor lads on tour with their third album

JOURNEY South might have appeared to win overnight success on a TV talent show, but the reality was very different.

Brothers Carl and Andy Pemberton, from Middlesbrough, had already been gigging around the pubs of the North East for several years before their big break came along with X Factor.

They powered through to the final of ITV's talent search and won third place in the 2005 series.

Since then they have released two albums and enjoyed a sell-out 41-date national tour, with fans of the show clamouring to see them perform live.

With their good looks and great voices, the brothers have built up a large fan base and were able to have full control over their latest album Home, which was released on their own record label.

But despite their success, the

### JOURNEY SOUTH

Friday, June 13  
Central Theatre, Chatham



brothers have never forgotten how hard it was to make their mark before X Factor came along.

Determined to pursue a music career, Carl gave up his plumbing apprenticeship three months before he would have qualified and the pair set off to London with a caravan they had bought on a credit card.

The dramatic move inspired the duo's name, but they were soon to discover that the capital's streets were not paved with gold.

After two years of gigging, the pair had run up £20,000 of debt and made little progress in the industry.

"I think we felt like we had given it as much as we could, because we got into a lot of debt between us," Carl said. "We thought, 'when do we pull the plug?'" because the amount just kept running up. In the end we just had to quit and it was heartbreaking."

Bearing in mind their previous dis-

appointments, Carl and Andy were cautiously optimistic when they made it through the first round of X Factor's auditions.

They became a favourite with the viewers and judges, winning them over with strong rock anthems and fast development.

They even tamed the fearsome Simon Cowell, who signed them to Sony BMG when the show finished.

Despite losing out to eventual winner Shayne Ward, the brothers had made an impact and their musical career had a new lease of life.

Their first album went platinum and since then they have attracted interest from South Africa, Japan and the Netherlands.

Fans will have the opportunity to meet the boys at the Central Theatre, as they will sign copies of their new CD Home after the show.

The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £17.50/£16.

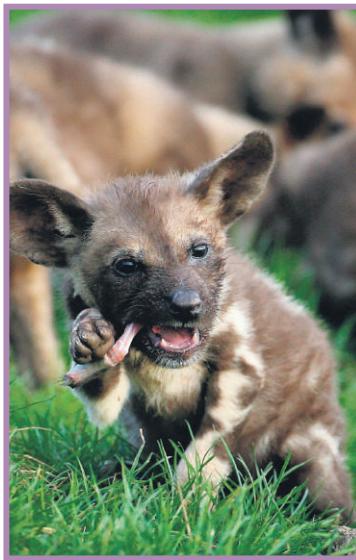
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### LETZ ZEP

Saturday, June 14  
Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone



EXPERIENCE the live sound of Led Zeppelin when a top tribute band brings their music back to the stage.

Letz Zep is a critically acclaimed group that even wowed legendary Led Zeppelin frontman Robert Plant himself. The tribute act was recently invited to perform at the official launch party for Led Zeppelin's Mothership album, perhaps the ultimate confirmation of their talent.

From the classic songs Stairway to Heaven and Rock & Roll, a Letz Zep show covers the full range of music from the iconic rock band.

Led Zeppelin was formed 40 years ago but continues to inspire new generations of musicians. When they reformed to give a one-off concert at London's O2 arena a few months ago, the tickets sold out immediately and critics were full of praise for the band's performance.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £17.50, concessions and group discounts available. To book call the box office on 0844 847 1776. For more information go to [www.leascliffhall.co.uk](http://www.leascliffhall.co.uk).

### ME AND MY DOG SHOW

Saturday and Sunday,  
June 14-15  
Port Lympne Wild Animal Park

DOGS of all shapes and sizes are invited to take part in the Me and My Dog Show at Port Lympne Wild Animal Park this weekend.

Visiting pooches may not be as exotic as the park's African hunting dog, which recently had a litter of six puppies (pictured), but there is plenty of fun on offer for both dogs and their owners.

Dogs can be entered into a variety of fun classes in the show and young owners can take part in the mile-long Waggle Walk.

The show on the Grasslands has been organised in association with Best Behaviour School for Dogs and visitors will be able to ask questions about their dog's behaviour, health and grooming.

Show entry (which is separate to the wild animal park) costs £5 for adults and £3 for children under 14.

Classes cost £1 per dog, the Hunting Dog Safari costs £5 per person and entry to the Waggle Walk is £2 minimum sponsorship per dog. For more details go online at [www.totallywild.net](http://www.totallywild.net) or call 01303 264647.



### WHIPPERSNAPPER

Thursday, June 19  
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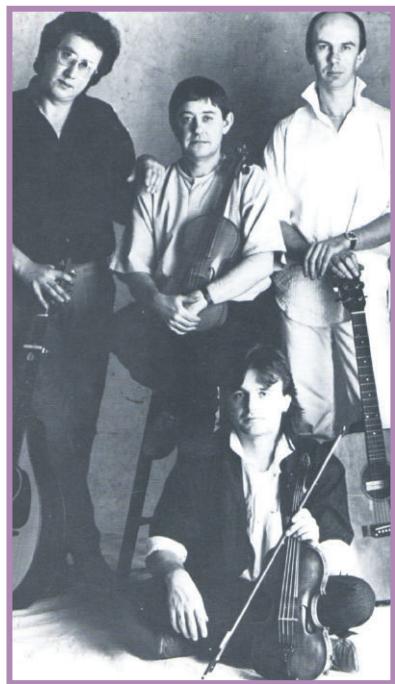


WHIPPERSNAPPER is one of the must-see bands on the British acoustic scene and now fans have another chance to catch a live performance.

Formed by the legendary Dave Swarbrick in 1983, the band was made up of four of the country's most respected acoustic musicians. 'Swarb's' career already included solo material and work with Beryl Marriott, The Ian Campbell Folk Group, Martin Carthy and Fairport Convention. He recruited the talents of former Dando Shaft members Martin Jenkins and Kevin Dempsey, along with instrument maker / songwriter/ musician Chris Leslie.

The anticipation for this acoustic super group was huge and they became one of the most in-demand bands on the scene throughout the mid to late 80s. When it was announced last year that the band was reforming, excitement grew among fans and no acoustic enthusiast should miss the chance to see Whippersnapper in action.

The show starts at 7.45pm and tickets cost £14. The concert is being staged in association with Broadstairs Folk Week. To book call the box office on 01227 769075 or visit the website at [www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk](http://www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk).



### SHEPWAY LEISURE

#### Indulge your passion for all things musical

MUSIC fans will be able to enjoy a fair on Sunday. The music fair has been organised by Folkestone & Hythe Operatic & Dramatic Society and will be held at the Tower Theatre in North Road, Shornecliffe. Admission costs £1 by raffle ticket.

Stalls, costing £8, can sell anything musical or music related. For contact details go to [www.towertheatrefolkestone.co.uk](http://www.towertheatrefolkestone.co.uk).

#### Time and space feature in Triennial exhibition

MEMBERS of Folkestone Art Society will be mounting a special exhibition to mark the Folkestone Triennial.

The Tales of Time and Space exhibition is at the Palm Court at the Grand on The Leas from tomorrow until Monday, June 23. Admission is free.

The society is celebrating its 80th anniversary this year. For more information visit the website at [www.folkestoneartsociety.co.uk](http://www.folkestoneartsociety.co.uk).

#### Steam away for special Father's Day event

TREAT dad to a day out on the tracks at Romney Hythe and Dymchurch Railway this Sunday.

During the Father's Day event dads will have the chance to drive a loco and see the Toy and Model Museum at the New Romney station. After visitors have worked up an appetite with all the excitement, there will be roast dinners available at the Light Railway Cafe at Dungeness.

For full details and timetables visit the website at [www.rhdr.org.uk](http://www.rhdr.org.uk).

#### Classic or original – punk band has both

PUNK/METAL band The Self Titled will be performing in Folkestone on Friday.

The four-piece from Faversham plays original material and 'rocked up' cover versions of classic songs.

Find out more about them online at [www.myspace.com/theselftitleduk](http://www.myspace.com/theselftitleduk).

The gig will take place at The Frenchman in Christchurch Road. For more information about the gig call the pub on 01303 259815.

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FOR YOU TO ENJOY: The Hives and The Cribs are two of the many great acts confirmed to play at this year's Port Lympne Wild Animal Park's Zoo Thousand festival

# Fancy a festival but not the ticket price?

**ZOO** Thousand organisers are offering free entry, food and drinks to next month's eagerly anticipated three-day music festival.

The offer sounds too-good-to-be-true. And it is. All you have to do to claim your freebies is put in two eight hour shifts behind the festival's bars\*.

A spokesman for Peppermint Bars, the firm behind the volunteer deal, said: "There is a common thread between people who attend festivals and those who work at them - we all love being part of it."

"We know it sounds cheesy but apart from striving to deliver the best bar service to the festival, above all, we want you to have a good time doing it."

"In exchange for your hard work - two six to eight hour shifts - we'll get you in free to the fes-

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

tival and provide you with a meal and two free drinks from the bar for each shift you complete."

Zoo8 takes place at Port Lympne Wild Animal Park near Ashford from Friday to Sunday, July 4-6.

Mark Ronson, The Cribs and The Hives have been confirmed as the main headliners for the festival, taking to the stage after a host of established acts, such as Dizzee Rascal, Ash, British Sea Power, Delays, Athlete, and Funeral For a Friend.

Those seeking the next-big-thing have also been catered for, with dozens of promising up-and-comers lined up to perform across six smaller stages. If you are unfamiliar with the works of Kid Harpoon, Underground Heroes, Rosemary, Tom Allalone and Brigadier

Ambrose, now's your chance to be enlightened.

A standard weekend ticket costs £99 for an adult and £50 for children aged between six and 15. Day entry costs £45 for adults and £25 for children.

Of course, entry is free for festival volunteers.

Peppermint Bars' spokesman added: "Our new registration system for 2008 has many improvements, including allowing you full control to request the exact bar and shift times you want to work online, and allowing you to come back and change your shifts any time until just before the festival."

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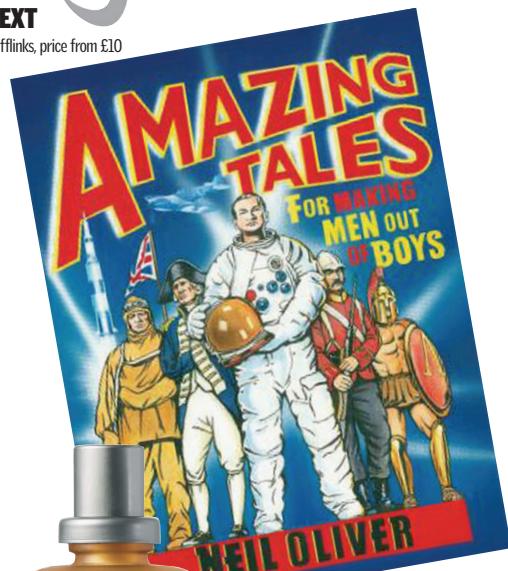
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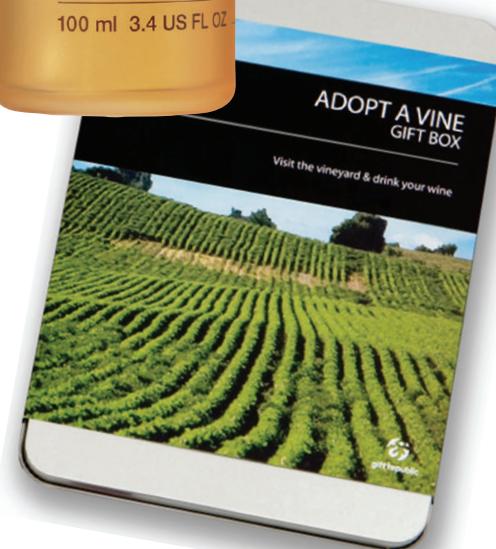
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Take a trip to Asda in Bouverie Place for a selection.

### Brothers bring book to life on your television

HMV is selling the latest masterpiece from the Coen brothers, *No Country for Old Men*, for £11.99.

Adapted from the novel of the same name by Cormac McCarthy, the film sees Vietnam veteran Llewellyn Moss pursued by serial killer Anton Chigurh after he finds two million dollars at a drug deal gone wrong in the desert.

The film perfectly captures the southern gothic style of McCormac's prose and is a welcome return to form for the brothers Coen.

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# Director Ben's back baby back

■ BY ROBIN WALKER

BEN Affleck proves even the crash and burn of a high profile Hollywood romance can have a silver lining.

At the height of his tabloid-blazing relationship with Jennifer Lopez four years ago, he started writing a film script of Dennis Lehane's novel Gone Baby Gone, a harrowing thriller about the search for a missing four-year-old girl and the people it involves.

Initially he thought of it as a vehicle for Lopez, but instead it has become an acclaimed directing debut for the 35-year-old actor.

In the decade since he won a Best Screenplay Oscar with pal Matt Damon for Good Will Hunting, Ben has gone from bright newcomer to blockbuster star to tabloid fodder. It has been a bruising rise and fall that would have sunk a less-talented actor.

But the surprising thing about Ben Affleck, considering his bad choices like Gigli, is how articulate and bright he is.

Multi-lingual in Spanish and French, his all-American good looks are matched by genuine depth and he's matter-of-fact about what has happened to his career.

"The first half of the media cycle was fascination, the second half was rejection. But what I never realised is that the public don't end up blaming the magazines that write every insane, untrue story."

He's a different person from his public image, says Ben – who admits to being scared during his first day as director. Prior to Gone Baby Gone he'd only directed a student film.

"I'm always described as 'cocksure' or 'with a swagger'. That bears no resemblance to who I feel like inside. I feel plagued by insecurity."

While depicting the tragedy of 1950s television Superman George Reeves in 2006 film Hollywoodland went some way to rejuvenating his acting career, Gone Baby Gone has really turned heads.

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**STILL HERE:** Despite a career littered with highs and lows, Ben Affleck is still proving he's got what it takes

hold by Disney because of the ongoing McCann case.

"We just thought it was better to err on the side of discretion," says Ben. "I'm proud to be associated with a company that made a decision I thought was respectful."

Ben will return to acting in the romance comedy He's Just Not That Into You with Jennifer Aniston and Scarlett Johansson, due for release later this year.

He counts himself very lucky in a business where many people fall by the wayside. He may have taken a hefty pay cut in Hollywood terms from his \$12-million-plus-per-film heyday, but he is still paid a lot of money doing what he loves.

"I have really very little to feel sorry for myself about. People have legitimate hardships, so it's kind of petty for me to sit around ruminating about little dents in what has been a very fortunate life so far."

**GONE BABY GONE**  
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It stars Ben's brother Casey as dogged private eye Patrick Kenzie, who refuses to give up on looking for the missing child. Set in the gritty world of working-class Boston, it's full of tough miscreants and losers.

"I felt maybe this was a way to have a sense of authorship about what I was doing without having to stick my face out there," says Ben about sitting in the director's chair.

It's a film that raises all sorts of issues about how we live and treat children, he says. "At first you think the girl is a victim. Then you see the squalor the girl lives in and your heart goes out to her not only where she's been taken to but for where she used to live."

The film has echoes of the press frenzy over the Madeleine McCann case, but Ben cut back on making the media the bad guys in the film.

"I scaled back on that because Lehane really hammers the media in the book. I thought I can't do too much of this because, in a weird way, it was one of the ways my own hand might start to feel visible in the movie."

However, plans to show the film at the London Film Festival last October were put on

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## A horse by any other name

BY ED HILL

WHEN I was asked to take a gastronomic tour of Flanders the history of the suffering of the soldiers involved in World War One sat uncomfortably with the thought of stuffing my face with the region's best food and drink, but in many ways the region is an example of the very best and worst of human civilisation.

Firstly, I should say the area is an ideal destination for someone in Kent to make a weekend break, although there is plenty to justify a longer stay.

We travelled with Norfolkline which runs ferries from Dover to Dunkerque. Ypres is less than an hour's drive from the port and makes the ideal centre from which to travel around the region.

On the way to the city we stopped to sample one of Belgium's most famous exports – beer. We began at the De Dole Brewers (or Mad Brewer's) company in Esen.

This company was started in 1980 by two brothers, Chris and Jo Hoteller, and produces some of the region's most distinctive bottle fermented beers. Gert, the brother's 90-year-old mother, and our guide, swears by the beers medicinal properties and judging by the speed she climbed the stairs it was hard to disagree.



GOURMET: The central square of Ypres has plenty of lively cafe-bars

We then travelled to Westvleteren to sample beer brewed by the Trappist monks at Sixtus Abbey; named by one US website as being the best in the world.

In Ypres we stayed close to the centre at the Ambrosia Hotel. The town retains its mediaeval character including the impressive Cloth Hall which houses the In Flanders Fields museum. The lively town square provides a relaxed atmosphere in which to eat and drink.

The In De Zon restaurant specialises in serving some of the region's most well-known dishes.

es. I chose to eat paardenvees (horse).

Most people in the UK may object to eating My Little Pony but to be honest I have never got on with the things, so the opportunity of eating one seemed too good to miss. In fact, unless I had been told it was equine in origin I would have assumed it was just a tender cut of beef.

We spent the next day exploring the region's bloody World War One history. Until September the In Flanders Fields Museum is holding an excellent exhibition about the many peoples and cultures from outside Europe which were involved in the war.

The countryside is dotted with cemeteries with war dead from the conflict. We visited the largest Commonwealth cemetery Tyne Cot which contains the remains of more than 11,000 men and lists the names of more than 35,000 men missing in action on its walls.

In the evening we observed the Last Post which is held at the city's Menin Gate everyday at 8pm.

We then went to dine at the Regina restaurant off the town square where we were served an excellent pigeon dish. Just to say I had not set out to eat unusual animals during my visit, that is just how it turned out.

I wondered if the next day's menu might contain weasel. In fact I was served rabbit, veal and chicken in a clear aspic jelly at the Gasthof De Kring restaurant in Poperinge.

Flanders is a region of stark contrasts. It may seem it is dominated by the history of World War One, but it has much to offer the visitor.

### FACT FILE: BELGIUM

Time difference	UK + 1 hour
Capital	Brussels
Population	10.5 million
Currency	Euro
Religion	Catholic
Climate	Temperate
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### Holiday details

Ed Hill travelled to Belgium with Norfolkline on its Dover to Dunkerque route. The company has recently introduced three new ferries on the route. Prices start at £19 for a one-way trip for a car and up to four passengers. Visit [www.norfolkline.com](http://www.norfolkline.com) for more information. Other cross-Channel operators include SeaFrance and P&O. Accommodation is varied. A night's stay at the new Ambrosia Hotel close to the city centre in Ypres, costs from about 54 euros for a single, or 69 euros for a double or twin. The In Flanders Fields Museum's Man Culture War exhibition mentioned in the article runs until September 7. Opening hours are 10am to 6pm. Adult entry is eight euros for both the exhibition and museum or five euros just for the exhibition.

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## YOUR TV REVIEW

### BIG BROTHER

Channel 4, week nights, 9pm

■ BY TOM BETTS

IT'S summer time and the most derided show ever to push its way down the tube into our homes has returned.

No matter what your view of this reality TV heavyweight is, you have to say that double B has done well to reach this, its ninth series proper.

The show's longevity is undoubtedly its real feat.

All the more remarkable considering the Shilpa Shetty racism row, the police entering the house to split up a fight and one participant (Bonnie) who couldn't even pronounce her own name – the real low point, perhaps.

Worst of all, we even had the non-event that was the Big Brother: Celebrity Hijack (did anyone actually watch after the first night?), yet still it lives.

This is TV's equivalent to the movie villain who won't die, no matter if he has been stabbed, shot, thrown off a skyscraper or subjected to a whole series of My Family.

Nor does a show divide the country in this way and for such a sustained period of time.

On the one hand you have those who hate it and everything it stands for (but who often watch anyway) and on the other hand the hoardes who become a little obsessed and tune in every night requiring their fix of madness.

All fine enough, although if you find yourself actually voting then you need to start asking yourself a few serious questions.

The simple fact is that every year millions of us lap it up.

And what better way for Channel 4 to further split the country into two



**HOUSE OF HORRORS:** Davina McCall will be keeping an eye on the Big Brother housemates warring factions than this year's rum bunch.

Contestants include a love-struck couple, accountant, masseuse, model, radio producer, dancer, toy demonstrator, trainee teacher, executive chef, and the usual smattering of students.

It is 93 days long, bound to be the talk of workplaces up and down the land for some months and, one suspects, still to be with us for many years yet.

Of course the cruel irony here is the contestants, every fame-seeking last one of them, will never be more well-known than when they are in the house itself and will likely have a lousy, traumatic 'journey' as producers Endemol have promised to get tough... again.

There was even a fake marriage in week one.

Now, tough is one thing but torture – isn't that illegal?

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## YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



### AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

YOU finally have a chance to slow down and enjoy an easy life. An influential contact or close friend could prompt you to try a new pastime and it will give you a big buzz. A financial setback could occur. Have faith that your cash flow will soon recommence.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762

### TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

MONEY could come and go very quickly, but that doesn't bother you a bit. You consider your cash well spent as you buy beautiful things to uplift and inspire you. A friend's erratic behaviour could upset you. It's hard to know whether you should confront them or let sleeping dogs lie.

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### LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

DOING things for yourself has very little appeal this week. You're ready to do your bit on the behalf of others. Getting involved with a good cause should prove exhilarating. Don't be surprised if you're offered a leadership position. People are drawn to your warmth and generosity.

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### SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

A PROGRAMME of self-improvement could get rewarding. Although breaking a bad habit won't be easy, you can do it. Contrary to what you might think, people will respect your admission of weakness. They'll offer all the support you need to overcome this obstacle.

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### PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

HOUSEHOLD matters take up most of your time this week. If you've been thinking of moving, this would be an excellent time to begin your search for a new place. Take care that erratic habits don't scare anyone off. The more conservative you appear, the better.

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### GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

YOUR ability to inspire others helps you attract favourable attention. Speaking your mind to an authority figure wins their respect. They can teach you a lot, provided you're willing to rein in your ego. Upheavals at work could cause you to snap at someone you love. Think before you speak.

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### VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

YOUR drive to succeed is unstoppable. There's never been a better week to seek career opportunities. Although onlookers may not think you're competition, they have no idea how ambitious you really are. Working hard behind the scenes will help you overcome competition.

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### SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 22)

YOU could find a kindred spirit in a highly educated person. This friend may prompt you to change career paths or alter your lifestyle. Don't be afraid to make changes for the sake of your own happiness. Meddlers may accuse you of being selfish, but that's because they're jealous.

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### ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 19)

YOUR mind and heart are working hand in hand. Take care not to blurt secrets to a loved one. This person isn't trustworthy with sensitive information. Keep these impulses for yourself. You will get plenty of support to move forward with a plan you've held dear since childhood.

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### CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

A DESIRE for peace and quiet could prompt you to spend more time at home. An exciting earning opportunity could come your way. Getting caught up in a religious or political cause could undermine your peace of mind. Be careful where you tread.

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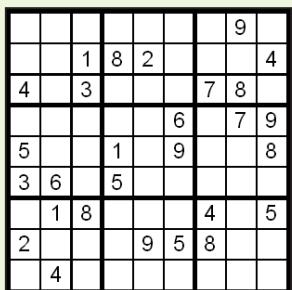
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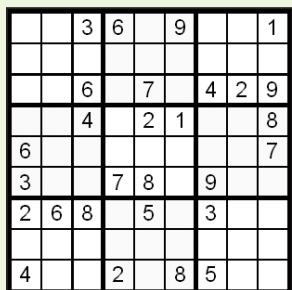
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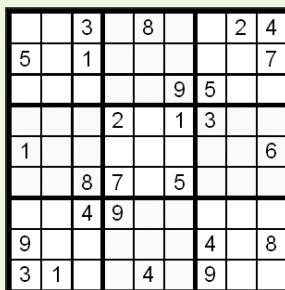
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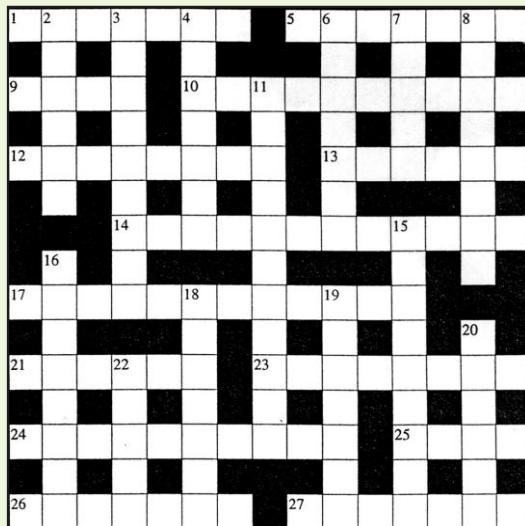
#### ACROSS

- Moderate limit by modifications (7)
- Fat soap I'd smeared on end of nose (7)
- Joke from first person in France by the way (4)
- Rhythmically lacking strength of character (5-5)
- Win easily although not in form! (8)
- Steer taking last part of the soup (6)
- Suitable to become a union member (12)
- Like the heavens perhaps beyond one's comprehension (4,4,4)
- Sour expert has contract (6)
- Improved, having been given a lift (6,2)
- Lady had hen William cooked (10)
- Audibly complains about dimensions (4)
- Supporter of one in prayer (7)
- Pip ie right to be more shabby (7)

#### DOWN

- Fashionable new flues of good purpose (6)
- Metal core removed by tardy person (9)
- Loud and dishonest place of amusement (7)
- Lengthy time of fame first - lasting 24 hours! (7)
- Queue for milk in Paris after parking (5)
- Difficult to describe it in translation on screen (8)
- State flower (11)
- Now having put on clothes, spoke (9)
- Six in London area getting into trouble with explosion (8)
- Flying body (7)
- In French class welcome enclosure (7)
- Crossword used to perplex (6)
- Some impolite hehaw or laugh (5)

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### QUICK CLUES

#### ACROSS

- It keeps the pot hot (3-4)
- Copy (7)
- Broad smile (4)
- Oarsman's craft (6-4)
- Refutation (8)
- Ice-cold (6)
- Bring back into good condition (12)
- Small case (9,3)
- Patterned material (6)
- Energetic (8)
- Final battle (10)
- Dyke builder (4)
- Specimen (7)
- Second son of Noah (7)

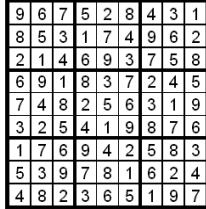
#### DOWN

- Nearer (anag.) (6)
- Victor (9)
- Claw (7)
- Attentive (7)
- Proscribed (5)
- Absurd imitation (8)
- Operating properly (4-7)
- Imago producing woolly-bear larva (5-4)
- Female pilot (8)
- Desk reservoir (7)
- A big one (anag.) (7)
- Refreshment bar (6)
- Panic (5)

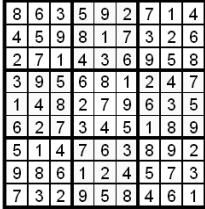
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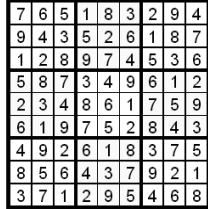
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### CRYPTIC SOLUTION No39

**ACROSS:** 1 Mozzarella 7 Wick 9 Gauntlet 10 Carnal 11 Exhaustive 14 Purulent 15 Throng 16 Frigid 18 Backlash 20 Undeceived 23 Hilary 18 Mangrove 25 Mete 26 Donkeywork. **DOWN:** 2 Okay 3 Zena 4 Relieve 5 Latchet 6 Account 7 Work-to-rule 8 Chauvinism 12 Quarantine 13 Jugged hare 17 Decayed 18 Bitumen 19 Cadence 21 Prow 22 Ever.

### QUICK SOLUTION No40

22 Alarm. **ACROSS:** 1 Tea-cosy 5 mitrate 6 Ginn 10 Antennae 18 Inward 19 Beorgia 20 Baffler 21 Thrush 22 Wielded 25 Tigris-muth 16 Quandrant 4 Scottie 6 Minutia 7 Laaboo 8 Example 24 Amalgamation 25 Of the 26 27 Vignettes 28 Amalgamation 29 Daffler 30 Redoubt 27 Denecht 31 Denecht 32 Frazon 41 **DOWN:** 1-4, 6-10, 12-15, 17-20, 22-25, 27-30, 32-35, 37-40, 42-45, 47-50, 52-55, 57-60, 62-65, 67-70, 72-75, 77-80, 82-85, 87-90, 92-95, 97-100.



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## PROPERTY NEWS

### It's time our value reviews went local

THE latest nationwide survey of house prices is far less important than regional studies, according to the National Association of Estate Agents.

The group says it paints an incorrect picture as it just gives an average of trends rather than taking into account area variations.

In Kent, prices have proved more resilient in the recent declining market as proximity to London and improving transport links have contributed to a better market.

Association chief executive Peter Bolton said: "The national sales figures do not tell the whole story.

"We know from our members that the picture is still very regional with some areas continuing to do better than others."

He also concluded that in terms of sales and viewing figures, as well as the decreasing gap between asking and final prices, the market was looking at becoming less fluctuating.

The Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors has also been examining the figures and experts concluded the property market would begin to stabilise when the number of transactions started to increase.

### Buying isn't always your best option

RENTING an upscale rural home is becoming increasingly popular for people who want to live the country life but not fork out masses of cash.

Demand for country lettings is booming, with impressive Loddenden Manor, Staplehurst, a good example of the trend.

Set in 10 acres with eight bedrooms, stables, coach house and pool, it is on the market for £2.25 million. But for £8,000 a week it is available to rent with interest and stamp duty not a factor.

Manor Farm House near Faversham is another property with the same sort of attraction to a letter.

The four-bedroom property with its own three-bed stable cottage, billiard room and gymnasium would be available for rent at £6,000 a month with Savills. But to buy it would cost £1.5 million through Strutt and Parker.

Another factor is that most country homes which are available for letting ensure that major structural repair work is the responsibility of the landlord.



## ONE TO LOOK AT

A new development by George Wimpey is pointing the way to a future in homes.

The three-storey show home is packed with design ideas for summer 2008 with fresh whites and rich burgundies the predominating colours.

The contemporary townhouse design features a lounge/dining room with French doors to the rear garden and also includes kitchen, entrance hallway and guest cloakroom.

Upstairs are two bedrooms and bathroom, while the top floor is given over to a master bedroom with walk-in dressing area and en-suite shower facilities.

The home cost is £219,995 and it can be viewed at Repton Park, Ashford.

# Drop in prices puts ladder within reach

TIMES are tough for first-time buyers in the housing market – yet they could discover help from an unexpected source.

Those unable to come up with enough cash for the deposit on a property could receive assistance from developers.

Incentives from those with homes to sell are becoming more and more common as companies start to realise how much stock they have on their hands – and no one is rushing forward to buy it.

SmartNewHomes.com is a website which analyses properties coming on to the market.

Managing director David Bexon said: "First-time buyers across the country are benefiting from a plethora of developer incentives as house-builders try to sell remaining stock. Now is a great time to drive a hard bargain."

These incentives can include help with

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deposits, legal fees and stamp duty, subsidised mortgage payments, cash-back offers or fitted kitchens and carpets included in the sale price.

David Wilson Homes is one company which has adopted a policy of assisting first-time buyers under a scheme called Head Start which has proved successful in recent weeks.

Customers are offered the option of paying 85 per cent of the purchase price of the property with funding from a bank or building society but with no deposit needed to be paid, while the remaining 15 per cent is offered as an interest-free loan by the developer.

The deferred amount is then paid back within 10 years of the purchase, or at the time of resale if this is earlier.

Meanwhile, Linden Homes South East is

offering £750 a month towards mortgage payments for the first 18 months on some of its properties in west Kent.

Other prospective homeowners have taken the decision to sit out for the time being, waiting for prices to fall even further, forcing the sellers to offer more incentives.

Moneyfacts is a financial information service which has been examining that option.

Spokesman Andrew Haggard said: "With current levels of uncertainty and volatility surrounding the mortgage industry and the housing market, maybe it's worth sitting on the sidelines."

"If property prices were to fall 15 per cent in the next 18 months – which is conservative compared with some estimates – then those itching to get their foot on the housing ladder could benefit from a double whammy of very good savings rates – which are currently at a seven-year high – and the falling cost of that elusive first property."

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**HYTHE £395,000**



Spacious end-of-terrace family house with wealth of original features and unspoilt charm. Peaceful location, backing on to Canal bank, short level walk to town. 6-7 beds, 2-3 recep, csty, delightful cottage-style rear garden, off-road parking.

**FOLKESTONE £695,000**



Superb modern detached house in prime west-end cul-de-sac, close to Leas Promenade. 3 recep, large games room/gym, luxury kit/breakfast rm & utility, 4 beds (one en suite), Jacuzzi bath, good size gardens, double garage and driveway.

**HYTHE £555,000**



Characterful 1930s house enjoying far-reaching sea views, short walk to town centre. 4 recep and conservatory, kit/breakfast rm 4 beds (1 en suite), 2 further bath, dgz, gas CH, garage, block paved driveway and parking, lovely secluded gardens.

**HYTHE £239,500**



Waterfront property! Delightful 1st floor flat adjacent to the beach, enjoying sea and coastline views. Spacious sitting room with original marble open fireplace and 20' balcony, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, luxury bath, gas CH, uPVC dgz, parking.

**HYTHE £465,000**



Very spacious detached house with sea and country park views. 4 reception rooms, conservatory, family kitchen/diner, utility, 4 beds, en suite bath, garage, dgz, gas CH, double gge, space for caravan/boat, large, landscaped rear garden.

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**TAKE ME OUT**  
Fun, flirty female, nearly 30, petite with dark hair, bored of being single, seeking someone to take me out and show me a good time. Box 895349 **1**

## TAKE A CHANCE ON ME

Single mum of 3, 37, fun-loving, great to be around, been in the past, heart has been broken and needs mending. Box 890553 **1**

## SEIZE THE DAY

Attractive female, 53\*, 30, brown hair/eyes, GSOH, likes countryside, restaurants, tap-dance, clay modelling, seeks charming family man, 37-42. Steve 40, from Maidstone please call again. Box 806385 **1**

## BLONDE AMBITION

Attractive female, 31, 54", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, face, WLTM intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells. Box 308734 **1**

## TRY NEW THINGS

Mum of 1, 1m 5ft4, blonde hair, slim, 55", likes cars, reading, pubs, cosy nights in, having a laugh, looking for that right male for LTR. Box 905514 **1**

## RU THE 1

Outgoing, funny, young-looking female, 34, 5ft3, brown hair/eyes, Torbridge. Seeks caring, loyal male for friendship, leading to more. Box 433107 **1**

## NESTLE UP

Single, kind, caring animal lover, 34 from Kent. Likes cooking, cinema, theatre, most music, seeks non-smoking male 34-38 for LTR. Box 440782 **1**

## GET IN TOUCH...

I'm a 39yr old divorced Mum of 1, enjoy reading/dancing, socialising, family life, kind caring, funny male for potential LTR. Box 440151 **1**

## ANIMAL LOVER?

Nurse, 37yrs old, 5ft6, blonde hair, blue eyes, likes the gym, cooking, swimming, salsa dancing, looking for a kind, caring, loyal male Box 426982 **1**

## MOVING ON FROM FRIENDSHIP

40yr old, 5ft4, 5ft6, long build, blue eyes, 100% driver, mother of two (daughter 10son 15), seeking male to share life with. More and Canterbury. Box 440592 **1**

## MAKE ME LAUGH

Love, bored, professional Tunbridge Wells. Asian lady, 40, WLTM slim, single, solvent, professional white male 40-50 for company, fun, love and laughter. Box 440304 **1**

## KIND IN KENT

Sincere female, quiet, friendly and genuine, 39, 5ft1, looking for friendship/relationship. Likes cosy nights in, restaurants, going out, martial arts. Kent. Box 301304 **1**

## GET IT ON!

Kate, caring, spiritual lady, 39, 5ft4\*, average build, hazel puppy-dog eyes, brown hair, looking for genuine, honest guy, non-smoker, friendshirst first. Box 899694 **1**

## MAYBE BABY, MAYBE!

Fun-loving, vivacious lady, 41, one son, enjoys dining out, walking, cinema, romantic meal, seeking friend man with GSOH, N/S, for friendshirst. Kent. Box 89579 **1**

## MAYBE I'AM ZER

You're looking for a curvy woman, 41, looking for someone special, for nights outin. Hopefully leading to something amazing and long term. Box 746781 **1**

## THE GENTLE LADY

Easygoing female with GSOH, 36, enjoys many things - going out, staying in, seeking a nice, genuine guy for lots of love and laughter. Box 437913 **1**

## MADE FOR EACH OTHER?

Mum of three, 36, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440693 **1**

## MUM'S THE WORD

Attractive black female, 36, 5ft7, slim-medium build, short dark brown hair, brown eyes, single Mum, seeking male 36-40, honest, kind, caring, for potential romance. Box 439329 **1**

## LOVE TO LOVE YOU

Lovely female, 36, 5ft4, medium-large build, blonde hair, blue eyes, own house, loves walking, going out, the usual! Seeking male for long-term/serious relationship. Box 438102 **1**

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## SWEET CAROLINE

I'm Caroline, 42, single mum, likes having fun, eating out, wine bars, swimming, looking for someone for something meaningful. Box 430952 **1**

## LIFE IS LAUGHTER

Professional 41yr old female, 53", dark hair, blue eyes, single mum, happy-go-lucky, into sports, looking for professional, tall male, for laughter and happiness. Box 420077 **1**

## FROM MR WRONG TO MR RIGHT!

Kay, 33, 5ft1, medium build, enjoys cooking, dancing, going out, travel, the beach, the sauna! seeking my Mr Right, so give me a call Box 440574 **1**

## WHEN ALL IS SAID AND DONE

Attractive youth, 21, petite bisexual female, WLTM a bubbly female and/or male for fun, friendship and possibly more. Box 895951 **1**

## JUST IMAGINE

Petite, Brunette, bubbly, friendly,

easygoing single mum, 49, enjoys

cinema, eating out, socialising,

most things. WLTM genuine male,

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893626 **1**

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## LOTS OF LOVE TO GIVE

Bubbly, voluptuous, very warm-hearted, tactile woman, 49, looking for that special someone to share cuddles, romantic evening in/out and possibly relationship. Box 440879 **1**

## SENSUAL HEALING

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## ENTERTAIN ME

49y/o female, medium build,

blonde, quite short, seeking tall,

confident, sensual guy for regular

writing, dining, loving and laughter,

honest, genuine and loving. Box

438584 **1**

## SANDY SEEKS DADDY

Slim, petite Sandy, 46, brown hair,

green eyes, no lies, loves socialising,

going out, swimming, the park,

DVDs, cinema, friendly, down-to-

earth, seeking similar female for good fun and friendship. Box 438658 **1**

## WITNESS IN THE STARS?

Genuine and intelligent male, 49,

young-looking, 5ft6, brown hair, own

teeth! Into astrology & birth charts,

seeking spiritually-minded woman

for deep conversations and lasting,

special companionship/relationship. Box 441146 **1**

## AT GREAT LENGTHS...

Attractive single father, 34, 5ft7,

medium build, shaved hair,

enjoys days out, swimming,

the park, DVDs, cinema, theatre,

reading, walking, the beach, the sauna!

Box 441129 **1**

## SHARING MY LIFE

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to have a special back in my life, to grow old with. Box 893611 **1**

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## MOTORS NEWS



### County group adds Kia to its portfolio

MOTOR group Drake & Fletcher has added fast-growing Kia to its franchises.

The Korean brand joins Mazda and Hyundai on an existing site at Ashford Orbital Park, where Drake & Fletcher also has a separate Honda dealership.

Hyundai and Kia are sister brands, but D&F sees Kia fitting in as the sporting arm of the partnership – the low slung three-door Kia Proceed hatchback was launched this year – and Kia's seven-year warranty on selected models is a unique selling point in the UK.

Drake & Fletcher was founded in 1898 and, four generations on, is still owned and run by members of the founder's family.



### New Patriot kit is the height of bling

JEEP has unveiled extra bling available for its attractively-priced junior model line-up, the Patriot.

Credible on and off-road and able to average 42mpg in best-selling 2.0-litre diesel form, the Patriot (from £15,995) can be equipped with a chrome grille, bodykit, sports suspension and 20-inch alloys.

The 'bling' packs start from £999 and owners can also specify an 'SE Lifestyle' interior at £1,199 and bringing leather effect centre armrest cover, four chrome loud speaker rings, chrome gearshift gate, leather gear knob and leather effect toppings.



### Commute to work via the Skoda Greenline

SKODA dealers now have the greenest version of the new Fabia supermini in stock.

The 1.4 TDI Fabia Greenline can average around 70mpg and, with CO2 emissions of just 109g/km of CO2, is exempt from the London congestion charge – Kent car commuters take note.

This Czech eco car – £11,490 and £12,140 in hatch and estate form respectively – achieves this miserly fuel through higher gearing, better aerodynamics and weight saved by replacing the spare tyre with a puncture repair kit.



**STAR BUY:** Despite its celestial name, the Daihatsu Sirion is a down-to-earth supermini with big-car abilities, offering low fuel consumption and a surprisingly spacious interior

## Space and star appeal of the Sirion supermini

MAJOR car makers have tried to register every possible model name, forcing others to come up with weird permutations.

So Daihatsu offers a supermini called the Sirion. The name could come from Lord of the Rings or starstruck marketing types allying Sirius with Orion – both probably owned by Ford – in the hope of ascendance on the sales front.

But there is nothing Tolkien-esque or celestial about the Sirion – it is a down-to-earth little car for the real world.

Underpinnings from the more expensive Toyota Yaris are clothed by a superbly practical and age-less five-door body and prices are competitive, from £7,495.

The three-cylinder 1.0-litre I had driven previously is the economy star; if rather sluggish and noisy. It averages around 55mpg and emits 118g/km of CO2, qualifying for just £35 a year road tax.

A far better all-rounder is the four-cylinder 1.3 (from £7,995) tested here; it is more refined

### ROAD TEST DAIHATSU SIRION

■ BY STEVE LOADER

#### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

and flexible with decent low down power, yet averages nearly 50mpg even if road tax jumps to the next band (£120/year) due to emissions of 137g/km.

However, this version is claimed to have the world's first self-regenerating catalyst, for a longer life and lower maintenance costs.

There is also a 1.5-litre version, but I question its relevance to what the Sirion is about, for this is a small and economical car with big car abilities – a brilliant all-rounder. It might sound like a Noddy motor, but bulbous wheelarches and a rakish window line give this boxy car some extra presence.

It carries five properly and split rear seats fold flat easily to create a van-like rear section or two other permutations. The rake of the rear rests can also be set to two positions and the car is packed with stowage bins and cubby holes.

Ride quality on a relatively long wheelbase is good and the 1.3-litre can be driven with passion too; the high body rolls a little, but grip is rarely compromised.

Air-con is fitted as standard and mid-spec SE brings alloys and rear parking sensors.



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Official Government Environmental Data. Fuel consumption figures mpg (litres/100km). Matiz 0.8 S: Urban – 40.9 (6.9), Extra-urban – 67.3 (4.2), Combined – 54.3 (5.2). CO<sub>2</sub> emissions 119g/km. Kalos 1.2 S: Urban – 33.2 (8.5), Extra-urban – 54.3 (5.2), Combined – 44.1 (6.4). CO<sub>2</sub> emissions 153g/km. Lacetti 1.4 SE Hatchback: Urban – 28.8 (9.8), Extra-urban – 49.5 (5.7), Combined – 39.2 (7.2). CO<sub>2</sub> emissions 171g/km.

# USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

## CONVERTIBLES

SUMMER is here at last and our thoughts turn to convertibles, even if open top cars are regarded more and more as all-year round purchases, partly because of the growing breed of folding hardtop or 'coupe convertible' models that offer better looks and security. This week's mix of used buys covers this new type but also takes a close look at the excellent Mazda MX-5 – the affordable roadster that has done more than any other car to make the UK one of Europe's biggest markets for convertibles – despite the weather.

### MAZDA MX-5



NOW into its third generation, the original MX-5 was inspired by classic British Triumph, MG and Lotus sports cars. Given Japanese reliability, it faced criticism over its lack of outright power and is more famous for its beautifully balanced handling. Models hold their value well, although an influx of 'Eunos' used imports from Japan drove down prices for the Lotus-lookalike Mk1 and the latest MkIII offers beefier looks and the most creature comforts, if you can stretch the budget.

#### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

### VAUXHALL ASTRA



VAUXHALL surprised everybody with the success of the original Astra convertible, followed up with the brilliant Astra TwinTop – the name inspired by the electronic folding metal roof. Both four-seaters look good with the roof up or down and the TwinTop is a particularly good achievement when so many of its coupe convertible rivals look ungainly or 'boot heavy'. As with many 'chopped' hatchback convertibles, there is some body flex on both models, but don't let this break a deal.

#### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
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Quality	★★★★★

### PEUGEOT 206CC



MERCEDES pioneered folding metal roof convertibles with the SLK in the 1990s, but Peugeot brought the type to the mass market with the big-selling and plentiful 206CC. Based on the French marque's 206 hatchback and biggest seller, the 206CC even had two seats in the back, although it should never be considered anything more than a 2+2. While relatively affordable, there have also been reliability problems with the temperamental roof mechanism.

#### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
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<b>2007, SKODA FABIA 1 1.2 HTP 6V (60 BHP)</b>	5-Dr Hatchback, Silver, black stone cloth, abs, cd, airbags, trip comp, immobiliser, 4500 miles.....	<b>£7495</b>
<b>2006, SKODA FABIA 1.4 TDI PD AMBIENTE (70 HP)</b>	5-Dr Hatchback, Silver, black fresh onyx, a/c, alarm, cd autochanger, electric seats, 3800 miles.....	<b>£7995</b>
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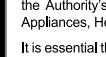
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**The deadline for receipt of all completed application forms is 12:00pm Monday 23rd June 2008.**

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Men better at saving but ISAs undervalued

MEN are putting more cash into savings accounts than women, according to new research from Yorkshire Building Society, which has branches in Canterbury and Chatham.

The statistics show that 62 per cent of people have at least £1,000 in a savings account and that men were 50 per cent more likely than women to have such an account.

However, the research also highlighted that more than a third of the people with more than £1,000 in savings don't have a tax-free ISA – individual savings account.

This means that there could be around 15 million people in the UK paying more money to the taxman than they should.

### Businesses stay strong

MANUFACTURERS and retailers in the South East are being warned to remain vigilant and protect themselves against the credit crunch, despite a fall in the overall number of firms going into administration.

The Forum of Private Business, which has many members in the county, says that according to accountancy firm Deloitte, 282 businesses in London and the South East went into administration in the first quarter of 2008, compared to 288 in the same period of 2007.

Matt Goodman, the forum's policy representative, said: "Deloitte's figures represent how strong and resilient small businesses can be in the face of a tough economic climate."

### Medway – focus of day

A RECENT one-day symposium – entitled Medway Lives, Gateway Futures: History, Community and Place – brought together more than 60 academics, policymakers and community group representatives for a series of talks and discussions.

The event was staged at the University of Kent's Medway campus in Chatham Maritime.

Topics under review included the legacy of industrialisation, regeneration and construction work, religion in everyday life and traveller communities.

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 A new £1.6 million resource centre in Sittingbourne aims to improve skills shortages in science

# It's personal - firms at risk because they don't have insurance

A STAGGERING one third of small enterprises in the South East are putting everything at risk – their business, employees and customers – by operating without any business insurance, according to new research.

If misfortune were to strike up to 25,500 of the region's 725,000 small businesses owners could be risking their homes by operating without insurance because they have personal guarantees against their business.

The nationwide survey of firms employing up to fifty people, carried out by OnePoll for Insurantz.com, uncovered a worrying attitude towards insurance.

In the South East, more than one in ten respondents were unsure whether they were insured and 29 per cent admitted to having little or no idea what their policy covers.

George Derbyshire, chief executive of the National Federation of Enterprise Agencies, said: "I am shocked by the results of this survey. Running a business is all about risk-taking, but we would always advocate a managed and informed approach to risk."

"Sensible entrepreneurs discuss the issues with their advisers in the knowledge that getting this wrong can be disastrous in human, financial and legal terms."

A quarter of small businesses in the South East could also face legal action as they were unaware that temporary workers and sub-contractors must be covered under statutory employers' liability insurance.

Uncovered companies risk heavy fines of up to £2,500 a day by failing to provide cover.

Last year there were more than 105,000 employer's liability personal injury claims.

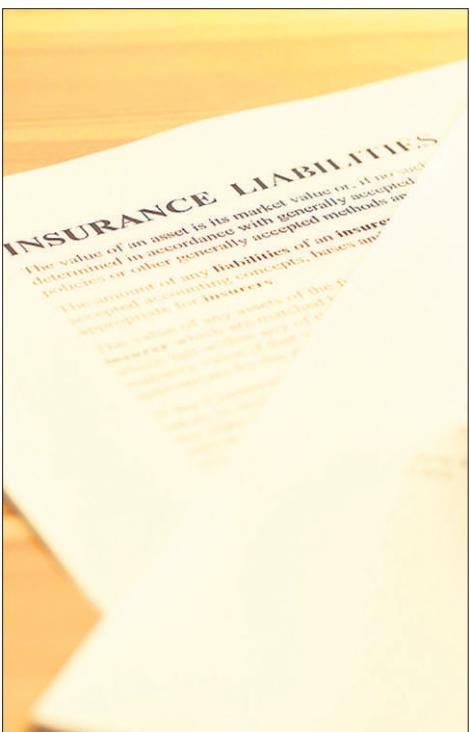
Failure to adequately insure is put down to the restrictive red tape which causes small businesses to spend hours filling in forms.

A third of respondents to the survey said arranging business insurance was too time-consuming and overly complicated, and this has pushed it very low in some people's priorities.

**THE LAW:** Your employer is responsible for your health and safety while you are at work. If you are injured as a result of an accident at work, or become ill as a result of your work, and if you believe your employer is responsible, you may seek compensation.

To make sure that your employer can pay the compensation they must take out an insurance policy. This is an employers' liability insurance. Employers' liability insurance will provide compensation for injuries or illness caused on or off site.

Any injuries or illness relating to motor accidents which occur as a result of your employment may be covered separately by your employer's motor insurance.



**LIABILITY:** One third of small firms do not have business insurance

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## Hythe stay on top with another win

HYTHE Cricket Club continued to head Kent League Division Two with a five wicket victory against Downham & Bellingham on Saturday.

Three wickets from Ben Dwyer and tight bowling restricted Downham & Bellingham to just 152 after their allotted 50 overs.

The game was won by opening batsmen Jon Smith and Leon Morgan, who put on 86 as Hythe went on to record another victory with only 32 overs played.

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Kent motorsport team Jota Sport prepare for the 24-hour Le Mans event

## LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

### KENT FEEDER LEAGUE EAST 1A

Deal Victoria & Barnes Close v Wye

THE LAST wicket partnership of Matt Barlow and Edward Hoyle hit the winning runs for Wye in a hard fought game against Deal Victoria & Barnes Close.

An exciting run chase decided the result in this fixture as the game went down to the last over.

Deal Victoria chose to bat first and posted a target of 139 runs after being bowled out in the 45th over.

With just four overs to spare, Wye secured the victory thanks largely to Kyle McAllister and Stuart Wise who hit 66 between them.

### Deal Victoria & Barnes Close

	Runs
Austen Marsh	ct McAlister b McAlister
Matthew Carley	b Hoyle
Sam Killip	ct Eve b Reed-Ashton
Brendan Schiller	b Hoyle
Robbie Brannan	ct Richardson b Reed-Ashton
Andrew Miller	b Wise
Matthew Hudson	ct Eve b Reed-Ashton
Stephen Moran	ct McAlister b Wise
Alex Hinkins	ct Richardson b McAlister
Scott McNamara	ct Richardson b Wise
Graham McNamara	not out
<b>Extras (4b 7lb 8w) 19</b>	
<b>Total (all out, 45 overs)</b>	<b>139</b>

Bowlers	0	M	R	W
Edward Hoyle	12	5	17	2
Jordan Reed-Ashton	12	2	23	3
Kyle McAlister	10	1	31	2
Stuart Wise	8	0	40	3
Matt Barlow	3	0	16	0

### Wye

	Runs
Kyle McAlister	lbw b McNamara
Tom Richardson	b Schiller
Daniel Noden	ct Killip b McNamara
Stuart Wise	ct Schiller b McNamara
Nick Eve	ct Miller b McNamara
Jordan Reed-Ashton	b McNamara
Brian Hamley	b Moran
Richard Elgar	ct Moran b McNamara
Edward Hoyle	not out
Ben Houston	ct Marsh b McNamara
Matt Barlow	not out
<b>Extras (5b 2lb 5w) 12</b>	
<b>Total (9 wickets, 46 overs)</b>	<b>140</b>

Bowlers	0	M	R	W
Alex Hinkins	6	1	21	0
Scott McNamara	11	1	37	6
Sam Killip	4	0	15	0
Graham McNamara	12	3	27	1
Brendan Schiller	4	0	11	1
Stephen Moran	9	2	21	1

### KENT FEEDER LEAGUE 1A

Bettleshanger Colliery Welfare 1st XI v Yalding 1st XI

THE TOWE brothers proved to be the downfall of Yalding, as they helped Bettleshanger Colliery Welfare win by 89 runs at the weekend.

Joffy and Derek Towe put on a sixth-wicket stand of 10 runs on their way to setting a total of 164 for Yalding to chase.

Once the Yalding openers of Peter Bowles and James Dugmore were dismissed for just 23 and 14 respectively, defeat was inevitable. Just 38 runs were added to their total by the remaining batsmen, meaning Yalding fell well short of the required rate.

### Bettleshanger Colliery Welfare

	Runs
Clive Towe	ct Aimey
Liam Collins	ct O'Brien b Makey
Martin Cheeseman	st O'Brien b Makey
Chris Garton	ct Bowles b Aimey
Paul Mortimer	b Tataria
Joffy Towe	ct Dugmore b Ajula
Derek Towe	not out
Darren Fletcher	not out
Steve McNicholas	not out bat
Steven King	not out bat
Barry Clark	not out bat
<b>Extras (3lb 3w 1nb) 7</b>	
<b>Total (6 wickets, 38 overs)</b>	<b>164</b>

Bowlers	0	M	R	W
Marcos Aimey	10	2	16	2
Graham Makey	10	2	29	2
Parminder Heer	4	1	18	0
Harsh Tataria	3	0	24	1
Davinder Ajula	6	0	40	1
James Dugmore	5	0	34	0

### Yalding

	Runs
Peter Bowles	ct Mortimer b Collins
James Dugmore	b King
Callum O'Brien	b King
Marcos Aimey	run out King
Harsh Tataria	ct Towe b Collins
Ramnajit Bajwa	ct Cheeseman b Collins
Satwinder Ajula	ct J Towe b C Towe
Shunshair Haider	ct & b Collins
Davinder Ajula	b Fletcher
Graham Makey	not out
Parminder Heer	b Collins
<b>Extras (4b 2lb 1w 1nb) 8</b>	
<b>Total (all out, 35.4 overs)</b>	<b>75</b>

Bowlers	0	M	R	W
Paul Mortimer	10	3	16	0
Steven King	10	1	29	2
Clive Towe	7	4	10	1
Liam Collins	74	1	13	5
Darren Fletcher	1	0	1	1

### KENT CRICKET LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Tenterden v Sibton Park

TIMIR Chanda's impressive performance with both bat and ball proved to be Sibton Park's downfall as Tenterden secured their first win of the season.

Chanda went on to score an unbeaten 64 as Tenterden chased down a target of 154 set by Sibton Park.

Sibton's Steve Hickmott and Christopher Spring each scored half centuries to get the visitors off to a flying start. However, once Spring and Hickmott were dismissed by Chanda, the innings began to break up. Just 12 more runs were put on for the remaining seven wickets and it took Tenterden 47 overs to condemn Sibton to defeat.

### Sibton Park

	Runs
Steve Hickmott	ct Brann b Chanda
Andy Allon	ct Price b Dakring
Christopher Spring	b Chanda
George Leadbetter	ct Hall b Chanda
Ben Alton	ct Brann b Chanda
Steve Hobbs	ct Price b Brann
Martin Wren	b Chanda
Bryan Washer	b Curteis
Tim Smith	ct Crawford b Curteis
Sam Newman	ct Neale b Curteis
Trevor Lewis	not out
<b>Extras (4b 6lb 6w 5nb) 21</b>	
<b>Total (all out, 471 overs)</b>	<b>154</b>

Bowlers	0	M	R	W
Neil Crowley	7	0	27	0
Ben Dalding	9	1	37	1
Alistair Neale	8	1	24	0
Mark Baker	7	0	29	0
Tim Chanda	12	2	22	6
Tim Curteis	41	3	5	3

### Tenterden

	Runs
Tim Curteis	b Allon
Nick Hall	lbw b Spring
Paul Brann	not out
Andrew Crawford	ct Hobbs b Spring
Ben Dalding	did not bat
Daniel McDonald	did not bat
Alistair Neale	did not bat
Ben Price	did not bat
Mark Baker	did not bat
Neil Crowley	did not bat
<b>Extras (5b 6lb 6w 1nb) 14</b>	
<b>Total (3 wickets, 47 overs) 158</b>	

Bowlers	0	M	R	W
Sam Newman	8	1	38	0
Trevor Lewis	8	2	31	0
Christopher Spring	11	5	23	2
Andy Allon	12	5	35	1
Ben Alton	8	0	24	0

### Bowlers

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# Sam plays like the boss, Moore or Hess

## FOOTBALL

■ BY TOM HOWARD

DOVER Athletic's new signing, Sam Moore is relishing the chance to prove himself in the Ryman Premier League and help push the club back into the Conference.

Whites boss Andy Hessenthaler captured the 20-year-old midfielder from Stevenage Borough on a two-year deal last week.

Moore, who grew up in Deal, began his football career in the youth ranks at Chelsea before moving to Ipswich.

After being released from the Championship club in January, he joined Stevenage Borough on a free transfer. Last season he made 24 appearances for League Two Brentford while on loan from Ipswich.

Despite moving down two divisions to the Ryman Premier League, the highly-rated midfielder was easily sold by the ambitions of Dover Athletic.

Moore told Youdover: "As soon as I spoke to the chairman and the manager I wanted to join. I think the Ryman Premier will be a good standard of football even though I have played in the Football League."

"Some people say that the quality is not great but many teams in higher divisions have plucked young players from this league. I am looking forward to playing under Andy and Darren [Hare] and pushing the club up towards their target of reaching the Conference."



INSPIRED: New signing Sam Moore hopes to follow in the footsteps of Whites boss Andy Hessenthaler (pictured)

The midfielder has been compared to his new manager Hessenthaler in his playing style and is eager to get the new season under way to impress the former Gillingham great.

He added: "Being compared to Hessenthaler is a great compliment and I hope to emulate

the style in which he plays. I will be giving 100 per cent and be wearing my heart on my sleeve."

"I hope I can make box-to-box runs and chip in with a few goals as well. I just cannot wait for the season to start."

## Cugley hoping to keep Bremner at Buzzlines

## FOOTBALL

FOLKESTONE Invicta manager Neil Cugley believes he needs at least another goalkeeper and a forward to add to his squad ahead of the new season.

Young goalkeeper Luke Stonebridge and striker Leigh Bremner are still yet to sign contract extensions at the Buzzlines Stadium.

Cugley said: "I still want a couple of players even though I have brought in seven new faces."

"The same numbers of players have left the club, so I feel I need a few more."

"I am looking for a new goalkeeper as Luke Stonebridge has not decided whether he will be available for next season."

"Another forward is also on my list as Bremner has not signed a new deal yet. I think there has been some interest in him from other clubs."

Cugley is looking forward to getting his pre-season games underway with a number of new players coming into his team.

He hopes his new signings will impress him as he battles to work out his strongest eleven.

He added: "I am really looking



UNDECIDED: Striker Leigh Bremner is still yet to sign a new deal

forward to getting the pre-season friendlies underway as we have so many new players.

"It will also give me a chance to see how I want to my team to play, which is quite exciting for a manager."

The first pre-season friendly will see Invicta take on Andy Hessenthaler's Dover Athletic on July 15.

New coach Scott Lindsey has also clinched his UEFA B coaching licence making him the most qualified coach at the club.

## Stupple major hopes hit by clutch of bogeys

## GOLF

KAREN Stupple was unable to continue her good form in the second major of the year on the Ladies PGA Tour, as she finished 13 shots off the pace in the McDonalds LPGA Championship.

The event has not been a favourite of the Deal golfer, who has only finished in the top ten once in six starts, when she tied for ninth-place in 2002.

However, Stupple has been in impressive form on the Ladies PGA Tour this season, carding five top-15 finishes in her last six events. However, a four-over par third round wiped out any chance of finishing inside the top 15 for the sixth consecutive tournament.

She made a solid start, carding two opening rounds of 71 to see her comfortably inside the cut.

However, the third round proved costly as Stupple hit three bogeys and two double bogeys on consecutive holes.

Three birdies lessened the blow, but a four-over par round of 76 saw her plummet down the leaderboard and out of contention.

The final round was an improvement but once again a double bogey cost Stupple places.



OVER PAR: Karen Stupple missed out on a sixth top-15 finish in a row

An even-par round of 72 was good enough for her to finish one over par for the tournament and tied for 58th.

Yani Tseng was the eventual winner after a tense play-off against Maria Hjorth.

Tseng claimed the coveted LPGA Championship trophy and a cheque for \$300,000.



UNBEATEN: Neil Dexter hit 101 against Somerset

## CRICKET

### Impressive ton-up Dexter keeps cool

KENT Spitfires are through to the semi-final of the Friends Provident Trophy where they will play holders Durham Dynamos after holding their nerve in a tense 37-run win over Somerset Sabres. Rob Key's side were indebted to 23-year-old Neil Dexter's unbeaten 101 and some excellent bowling at the death from Pakistani all-rounders Yasir Arafat and Azhar Mahmood.

Key, who hit a fluent 73 for the Spitfires in a stand of 104 with Dexter, was delighted with the young batsman's attitude despite suffering a slow start after coming in at the last minute for Martin van Jaarsveld.

He said: "In one-day cricket there's nothing worse than not having the scoreboard ticking over. He found it hard to get going and that's the time when a lot of players would panic and throw their wicket away."

"The impressive thing about his innings was he managed to put it to the back of his mind and accelerate. To get 100 at almost a run-a-ball after his start is some achievement."

The Kent skipper is now looking forward to an entertaining clash at Durham's Riverside Ground on either July 4 or 5.

He said: "They are a decent side and the defending champions, but we won the Twenty20 last year and we seem to play our at best in the knock-out stages."

"Winning some silverware gives us that extra bit of confidence but it all depends what happens on the day and it will be a pretty tough fixture."

While the Spitfires are gearing up for the semi-final, they have been preparing for the defence of their Twenty20 crown which starts with a game against old adversaries Sussex at the St Lawrence Ground.

With the announcement that the winner of this year's competition will be entered into the inaugural Champions League, the Spitfires will be looking to make it to finals day again at the Rose Bowl on July 26.

Play starts at 5.40pm. For updates visit [www.youdover.co.uk](http://www.youdover.co.uk).

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